

Ambulance Report (October)

Our Ambulance Director, Cindy Dalzell, officially retired in the month of October. The average career span for an EMT is only 5 years. Incredibly, Cindy gave nearly 20 years of service to the Madeline Island Community. Our service gives her a resounding 'thank you' and wishes her all the best in her new chapter of retirement. Service members elected myself, Sarah Schram, to take over as Ambulance Director. I will do my best in these new responsibilities and I look forward to growing and maintaining a thriving service.

Our call volume has finally slowed down for the month of October. We used the extra time to increase our training. We joined the Fire Department in training on Oct. 26th with instructors from Northwood Tech to simulate a 'deer stand rescue.' It was great to train with our fellow department service members and we plan to do more so in the future, including a vehicle extrication in January.

Our student EMRs are in full swing of their course. The goal remains to have new recruits licensed before the end of the year. These new service members will nearly double our roster and then the real work to integrate them into Island EMS will begin.

We will remain training hard over the winter months as the off season sets in. The work now shifts to practicing our skills (new and old) and ensuring preparedness for all possible emergencies.

Report respectfully submitted by Sarah Schram.