

February Ambulance Report- 2025

The Ambulance Service responded to 3 calls for the month of February. All three calls were transported to Bayfield via Windsled. During this season, our crew transports to Bayfield and then Bayfield Ambulance takes the patient on to Tamarack Health in Ashland. I will remain in close contact with MIFL, Windsled Inc., and Bayfield Ambulance as the boats begin to run more and more. At this point, it is still far faster to transport to Bayfield via Windsled in case of an emergency.

February training was more focused on the paperwork and logistics it takes to get everyone legally transporting. We took some time to distribute and learn more about our new radios. 8 new radios were distributed to members (5 members that are on both Ambulance and Fire departments and 3 members that are on Ambulance only). As a reminder, these radios were purchased with funds from the Polka Fundraiser in 2023. Discussions have begun about planning another fundraiser for this year.

The Ambulance Service has implemented a much anticipated and greatly needed new scheduling software. This software is currently on a trial basis, but I foresee it to be a positive addition to our process. Service members can sign up for shifts through an app on their phones and see the schedule (and the gaps) in live time whenever they want. The increased access will lead to increased coverage. The software will also aid in gathering information at the end of the month for vouchers. This will be a SIGNIFICANT time-saver for me. The software also allows the service to communicate with all 24 members simultaneously, a feature we were not able to do over a text thread.

I recently completed Ground Ambulance Medicare reporting on behalf of our service. This process took nearly 20 hours. Failure to report would result in 10% reduction in Medicare payments to the service over the next calendar year. I've also continued with organizing inventory within the ambulances and the supply closet. The goal remains to have efficient systems in place before the busy season.

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