

## Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

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October has remained a quiet month. It is a good time to tidy up after a busy summer and concentrate on new training opportunities and recruitment. Six of us attended a HIPAA review meeting in Washburn. It was presented by Memorial Medical Center staff. They answered a lot of our questions and it was a very good meeting. Since the fire department gets called out for lift assistance on occasion, Jay will get a copy of the power point and present it to the fire department.

We have had quite a lot of comments about the new ESB building. As one of the persons on the design committee I find it dis-heartening that people have not responded more positively. I know we all looked at the building priorities to be safety, efficiency and possibility for growth of the services. I have faith in our architects and know that they did their best with the financial restraints that we have. I have seen and toured several of their facilities around the state and know what is possible if funding is less of an issue. I believe we have designed a good solid building that with a proper color scheme and some simple landscaping will be a great asset to the town and the community.

I had my initial budget workshop with the town board. They asked good questions and we discussed recruitment issues. This is a growing concern for the service. We have had a reduction in our numbers with injuries and retirement. I know we have another EMT ready to retire. Sarah is looking at the possibility of holding an on-line class for EMTs this winter. An on-line class would be easier for students not having to travel for class and stay on the main-land. It will also reduce the expenses for the town. I plan to continue writing articles for the gazette looking at new directions the service can take to gain the members we really need. Sarah and I will be attending the WEMSA conference in November. Many of the classes and lectures will be addressing this issue as well.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service