Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

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In November we have had two runs where one was a transport. Both ambulances are running well. We hope to hear when the replacement four-wheel drive ambulance will be delivered. It would be nice to get it for the winter season. We will be moving the ambulances to the newly heated and renovated town garage for the winter. With the construction on the site for the new EMS building going on, access is limited. Basic supplies will be stored there for re-stocking. We will continue use the Winter Transportation Building for meetings and office space. We are now sharing it with the dock contractors and the Windsleds.

Everyone on the service is trying to make the best of the situation. We are all looking forward to spring and having the building get underway. We understand that there will be compromises to get the job done. I will be spending a good part of today sorting and re-packaging supplies to make the move go smoothly.

My budget was completed and then I was asked to reduce my budget by 20 percent. I got as close as I felt comfortable and I hope it was enough.

This is a refresher year for both our licenses and for CPR. Sarah has begun the process of setting up our classes for early in the new year.

We will be having a training meeting on Wednesday before Thanksgiving where we will move the ambulances over to the town garage. We will also set up the supplies. Then we hope to do more training on the new UTV that we use for woodland rescue. During our regular monthly meeting we went over the lack of ferry boat captains that live on the island and are available for transports after regular ferry boat hours. We are looking into training along with the ferry line to better cover those hours. At this time of year we work very closely with the ice rescue team and the ferry line to ensure safe transport for all patients and service members.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service