

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

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In January we have had one tone out for a lift assist. We are preparing for a possible wind sled season. The two ambulances are in good shape and running well. We are hoping to take delivery on the replacement four-wheel drive ambulance in February. A wind-sled season might affect the delivery. It will just take a few days once it is delivered to have it stocked and the inspection report filed with the state. It will be very nice to have a four-wheel drive rig again with this snowy season. The two ambulances we have now are not four-wheel drive and cannot be driven on the ice road. I will contact Bayfield if the wind-sled starts so they are ready to intercept if needed during this time.

We are still working with the ferry line on night runs and having ferry boat captains available. This is a long-term project. We are now covered by Michael Parsons staying nights on the island and more of the Bayfield Ferry Line crew connected to our E-dispatch service. This means that tone outs come over a cell phone and can be read and repeated to all members on the list.

Our biggest concern right now is the need to finalize the plans and figure out the costs for the new ESB building. I know we are all managing having equipment, storage and offices in different places. It has been stressful, and it will become more difficult when our busy season is here. We are having a meeting this evening to go over in detail the parameters of the plan and where we are as a service. We know there are a lot of considerations but hope we can come to a consensus on how to move forward. I am hoping that next week's meeting with Robert from Wendel will be constructive and we will be able to bring a cohesive plan to the town board and the town. I did submit an article to the gazette explaining some of the process and my thoughts on the project. We are doing a lot of fact research now on costs and alternatives while staying with the original floor plan drafted by the architect.

We did have our regular monthly meeting and had our CPR training that is required every two years. Sarah has set up our refresher course with WITC and it begins with a weekend of classes on February 22 and 23rd. The balance of the course will be don individually on-line.

I have spent a fair amount of time on inventory, filing, etc. in January. Our work with AMB billing has become much smoother now that we have a new account representative.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service