

## Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

February 24, 2020

February has been a very busy EMS month. We have had five runs already this month. The crew has been great. I am spending a lot of time re-stocking from these runs. We did have an incidence de-brief for one of the runs where fire, ambulance and police personnel were in attendance.

We received delivery on our new four-wheel drive Mercedes ambulance. We got it on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and immediately got training in on it by Kevin at Pomasl Fire Vehicles. We stocked it that very day and put license plates on it. I did the inspection report and sent it off to the state inspector. A new vehicle does not have to have an in-person inspection if the form is sent to them completed. It was a great thing because we used it the very next morning on a run out on the north end where the four-wheel drive was necessary to manage the driveway.

We also had our class for our refresher. The whole crew, both EMTs and EMRs spent 16 hours this last weekend at the library working on training as part of our two-year refresher required by the state for our licensure. Now we have thirty hours of the on-line portion of the refresher to complete by February 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a good experience and everyone participated. We do a lot of discussion and a lot of hands-on practicing. We spent a lot of time going over new equipment and equipment that we do not use as often.

I had a meeting with the ferry line about night captains once again. The town has hired Evan Erickson so he will be spending more time on the island. Karen Thomas will also be here more at night so the ferry line is fine with them being night captains. Bob Teisberg is back as well so we are feeling better about after hour transports. I know there are other candidates in the works as well to fill this need. The ferry line is not doing night runs at this time with the ice being so thick. It would take too long to break a trail at night. If we have after hour runs we will be using the wind-sled and intercepting with Bayfield ambulance until we hear that the ferry is able to do night runs again.

I will be attending the meeting today with Wendel to see how we have progressed on the new ESB. We moved all of our supplies to where the ambulances are kept. We hope to make room at the Winter Transportation building for meetings for EMS and the Fire Department that doesn't have an adequate meeting space. There are plenty of old chairs and a few tables to get us by until we know more about the progress of the new building.

We flipped our training meeting with our regular meeting to get everyone familiar with the new ambulance. We will hold our regular meeting on Wednesday night where we will work on familiarity with the new computer. This computer allows us to get digital signatures which will help streamline the reporting process. I went to the monthly council meeting and learned a lot about some new items we can use on the rigs. There was also an in-depth discussion of the norovirus and coronavirus and the use of the proper personal protective equipment for all

members of the service. I have ordered a large supply of masks, masks with shields, gowns and gloves for our service members and we have gone over the recommended practices. There is a webinar today concerning this issue that I hope to view.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service