

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

August 20, 2020

We had a total of 20 runs in the month of July. There have been 30 runs in the last 45 days which I am quite sure is a record for my stint as ambulance director. August has continued to be quite busy. There have been several days with multiple incidents with fire and ambulance calls. Everyone on the service is doing a great job keeping up with the crowds of people on the island and their need for ambulance services.

We are now in the recruitment process for fall EMT classes. We have a few great candidates and Sarah is working hard to figure out the best and most efficient and cost-effective programs for our potential students. WITC has also announced a bridge class. This will allow EMRs to take just a portion of the EMT class that was not included in their studies. Then they could be licensed as EMTs. This would help the service out substantially since we are required to run with at least one EMT on every call.

We had our regular monthly meeting at the county garage. Even with doors open and people spaced out we kept our masks on. We discussed some supply updates, future trainings that will be held this fall and went over the runs that occurred since our last meeting.

Bayfield County is considered a hot spot for the virus at this time and it continues to keep our awareness of safety for the service at a premium. I will be placing an order for more PPE with Drew Obrien who has a company that is importing certified PPE.

This fall we will be holding classes on a new airway that our Medical Director has approved. It should make the use of advanced airways more streamlined. We are still working on grants and fund raising to purchase a LUCAS device which is an automated chest compression device for CPR.

We are beginning the budget process. We are working with a flat budget this year, but I am working on ways to allocate funds where they are needed the most. It is great to see the building progress. I am excited to start the process of making decisions about the interior spaces.

Please stay safe, wash your hands, social distance, get some fresh air, eat a good diet, exercise and stay healthy! Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service