

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

September 19, 2020

We had a total of 14 runs in August. It was still a pretty busy month for us and I am glad to say that September seems to be slowing down a bit. We have had one EMT in quarantine this month which reduced our service to a minimum.

We did have a great recruitment meeting a week ago. We had 8 people show up to find out more about EMS. We are glad to see that one of our EMRs is interested in becoming an EMT as well. We know that not everyone will follow through but it was a nice sign to see so many young and eager faces. We are hoping to send quite a few to class and I am working on the budget to try to get them there. The class will be mostly on-line with one intensive week in the cities. It should be more economical for the town to have the class run this way.

We had our regular monthly meeting at the county garage. Even with doors open and people spaced out we kept our masks on. We had special guests from Stryker here to show us the LUCAS device which is the automatic chest compression device. They also showed up the LIFEPAK which is the EKG machine. We are still hoping to purchase the LUCAS device before the end of the year.

We had a very good council meeting this month on Zoom. Our medical director was present and we discussed the current COVID status, new airway and protocols coming and our agreements for intercept, and mutual aid.

Bayfield County is still 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 have been getting all of the PPE that we need from our regular sources so I have not sought out other options.

My first draft of my budget is completed and I am just plugging in numbers so I can meet with Lisa and go over anything that I have missed or need to include.

It is great to watch the new ESB building progressing. I had a meeting with Robert and Joan Martin and Lisa about the colors for the interior of the building. We are waiting to get some new samples and then we should be able to make decisions quickly.

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