

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

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We had just one non-transport in January and February remains quiet. We have discussed transports during wind sled season, and when there is an ice road. The Mercedes is light enough to be used on a good ice road. It is always our policy to contact Nate or Arnie if we are transporting over the ice road at night to get clearance or even an escort.

Gloria Fennel and Alex Nelson are just waiting for the last of their paperwork to go through the state and then they will be eligible to join the service. The other four students are all working hard to complete their class by May. We have a very generous donation of radios, batteries and chargers that will be shipping to us this week. We need them for our new recruits.

The big news is that we just received our LUCAS device. We took a good look at it at our regular monthly meeting. It looks quite straight forward but we will also be getting training from Stryker at our February training meeting. The Stryker rep will bring a mannequin and we can practice fitting the device onto a patient and see how to adjust it to the right strength. This device is a game changer with CPR. We are very grateful for the donations that we received as well as the town board's support in it's purchase. We are also setting up training for a new advanced airway approved by our Medical Director. Once we are in the new building, we will get an instructor here to sign us off on this new airway, the IGEL.

We held our regular monthly meeting at the town garage. We discussed the vaccination schedule. Almost everyone on the service now has had their second dose. There have been a variety of reaction's, but it only lasts a day or two. We are still following the protocols from our Medical Director to keep wearing full PPE on all Medical calls. We will be holding a training meeting the last Wednesday of the month. Sarah has something planned with the fire department.

I have been working on updating our operational plan for the state and updating our computer programs with Image Trend and our billing company. We are also going through supplies this time of year and updating our spreadsheets for inventory control and expiration updates.

We are still working on details for the ESB. We will remain at the County Garage until we can move in completely. We do not want to be separated from our supplies, offices, etc. We are now making lists of final touches and supplies that are needed so we are ready to move in as soon as possible. The first of the exercise equipment has been delivered. The furniture should be ready to be delivered and installed around the middle of March.

Respectfully Submitted,

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