

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

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In December we had two runs, one was a transport. We have been doing some re-organizing and orientation in both rigs for the new recruits. We will keep the Mercedes as the primary vehicle because of driveways and a possible ice road. It is so nice to have the four-wheel drive.

We had a good training meeting and went over the LUCAS device and AED's as refresher. The Lucas is such a new device for us and we want to be proficient in its use for the winter and beyond. We went over hypothermia and common winter incidents. We discussed the wind sled and ice road policies and sequencing of events. The ferry line has been great about letting me know if a boat is not on the island and we went over the process about calling boats here or using the clinic if necessary to complete patient care.

We will be concentrating on more training this winter. I am also going through all of the radio's that were donated to find which ones are still useful and which ones need to be replaced. I have a zoom conference with Stryker to go over maintenance plans for all of our Stryker equipment. They are also proposing a few EKG equipment ideas. We are updating our old CPAP equipment as well. It is now easier to use with simpler equipment than when we first added it to our service. I am also re-building our PED's kits. They are complicated but an essential part of our gear.

I will be ordering the new laptops for the rigs through Will our computer person soon. I have also placed an order for jackets for our EMR's that have been with the service over a year and do not have a full uniform.

I am working on trying to figure out why our billing company has such poor collections with our service. Our runs are in and at 100 percent. It is time to thoroughly examine if there are better companies or a better process to make our service more equitable financially. Barb has been helping me with this and it is a great help to have her input.

Respectfully Submitted,

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