

Madeline Island Ambulance Service

Monthly report November 2022

It has remained somewhat busy this month. We had five runs, and several were transports. We had a unique situation where we took a service dog with us and our patient to the hospital. After eighteen years, that was a new one for me.

We have several EMTs out for health reasons, so the crew is down to a minimum right now. I want our crew to heal and get better before they go back on call, but it does put a lot of pressure on the remaining crew members.

At our regular monthly meeting, we discussed runs and also looked at needs for the service. We have to make our final decisions on purchases for the ACT 102 extra funds from the American Rescue Plan before the end of the year.

We are still using the larger box ambulance as our primary rig; it is up to the crew's discretion to decide which vehicle to take depending on weather conditions, driveway status and run type.

I continue to worry about the Ashland County decision to not do their usual funding for the police department. We depend on the police to be on hand on almost every run. There are many situations that the police clear the scene and declare that it is safe for us to enter. It is not our job to make this determination. I hope we can figure out a positive outcome to keep our police force intact and in full service.

The possible new billing company has received our revenue data and should be finalizing a quote for us in the next week or so.

The Aid to Firefighters Grant is ready for our portion to be paid. I am making out the purchase order for our percentage of the cost of these new radios. Red has been working closely with Erik at DSC and with Meagan Quaderer, the Bayfield County EMS Director, on how all of the radios need to be programmed to allow for the WISCOM frequencies. I appreciate all of the time he has put into this project.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyous Holiday Season. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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