

**Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report
December, 2022**

In December we had two runs. One was a transport and one was a non-transport.

John has signed up for his EMT class and all of us are registering for our refresher. We are all working with Allied Medical Services in the Cities. It is a 40-hour refresher for EMTs and 20 for EMRs. We all hope to complete our refresher during the month of January. It is a complete on-line refresher, which makes it a lot easier than trying to find an instructor to come to the island.

I am happy to announce that we did make a decision on our new ECG equipment. We are required to make a purchase order before the end of the year so that we receive the second installment of the grant. I thank the Town Board members that voted to approve the purchase. The equipment actually has a six- to eight-month lead time. So, we will see the device sometime around October. There is a lot of training we can do online. Also, the representative from Phillips will come to the island and train us on the equipment.

Our Stryker maintenance representative visited the week before the holidays. He did a complete walk-through and check-up on all of our Stryker equipment, which includes the Lucas device, both stair chairs, and both power loads and power cots.

I am still working on clean-up time for our rigs and our storage closet. I am going through my spreadsheets and inventory to discard any expired items and just doing general cleaning, organizing and labeling needed. Thom and I are setting up a spreadsheet for oxygen bottle refills and a place in our bay for hooking up our own refill station for small bottles. This will save on lots of trips to Chicago Iron. We still need to fill our large bottles there.

I have been trying to pin down the possibility of changing our billing company. Barb went through and gave them some of our collection statistics. I sent all of the information that they asked for but have not received any information back. I am struggling with how to proceed. I am still trying to work with AMB to continue to improve our collections but, until we have a collection agency attached to our billing company, I do not think things will change drastically.

Happy New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service

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