

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

March 29, 2023

We had just one transport run in March. We are still using the Mercedes four-wheel-drive ambulance (even without an ice road) as our primary vehicle. Driveways and road conditions make it the best option until the snow is gone and the driveways dry up a bit.

Most everyone has finished their refreshers, and the e-licensing portal has just opened for us to re-certify with the state. I will be doing our Service License renewal as well.

We also received the new Bayfield-Ashland County council EMS Protocol updates. Everyone has been given a new set of the protocols and there has been some basic training by BAC council members that we were required to view. They are very well done and there quite a few changes and updates of significance. We are using our last few training meetings this spring to work on changes to the protocols.

I am glad that our lawyer has approved our billing contract with Cvikota. I know there are some issues but, as we are aware of them, I think we can work with them. I want to thank Michael and Barb for all of their advice and help with this decision. I really hope they will do a better job for us. The use of the State of Wisconsin Collection agency should also help with revenue. I am concerned about the learning curve to work with the state and some of their requirements, so more learning will be involved.

John our police officer is still working on his class to become an EMT. He is scheduled to take his week of practical training in June. Bonnie Matuseski has just passed her National Registry exam and has applied for her Minnesota EMT license. Once that is approved, I will send it to Don Kimlicka at the State of Wisconsin and he will get her Wisconsin License approved. It should not be so hard for someone with a Minnesota license to get certified in Wisconsin but, as of right now, she has had to go through the whole process.

I am continuing to work on learning more about our EKG equipment and the capnography capabilities. This is how you measure carbon dioxide levels in blood, which is a better indication of perfusion than oxygen levels. We will have full training on this when our new equipment arrives and I want to be ready.

Respectfully Submitted,

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