

## June Ambulance Report 2025

The Ambulance Service responded to 7 calls for the month of June ranging in degree of severity. I have begun scheduling more members on call for weekends and are gearing up for a busy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We did not have a training meeting for the month of June. For June through September we will not have training meetings as it is our busy season. We will resume training in October and most likely be doing EVOC training along with the Fire Department. EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) is best done every 2 years to help refresh members on safe driving techniques during emergencies.

I have discussed with Max a suggestion of hiring a part-time EMT to begin in September. We will have a shift in personnel this fall. Changes in staff availability include but may not be limited to; John Carlson (EMT) has retired, Gary Flores (EMT) will become a seasonal resident, Nate and Kayla (EMRs) are welcoming a baby, Jackie Noha (EMT) goes back to full-time work at Bayfield school, Bonnie Matuseski (EMT) is a seasonal resident and will be leaving for the fall/winter, Jack Nelson (EMT) will be attending full-time college courses, Alan Hardie (EMR) will become a seasonal resident, and so on. These changes will decrease coverage on our Ambulance Schedule. Both Bayfield and Washburn hire full-time EMTs during at least part of the year. This position could combine EMT and Director duties. As a reminder, the island must maintain 24/7 coverage unlike our neighboring communities. The responsibility is heavy to maintain this schedule and compensation to fill in the gaps seems fair and necessary.

I propose hiring me as a part-time employee at \$30/ hour for 25 hours per week from Sept. 2 to the end of the year (18 weeks x 25 hours= 450 hours). This position could combine EMT and Director duties. This could take the place of my monthly stipend. I would use these hours to fill in gaps in the schedule and also continue my administrative duties. (I propose any hours on-call after 25 hours/week to continue being paid as on-call hours).

A reminder of the need for our service to maintain 24/7 coverage- We have NO MUTUAL aid like mainland services. This means that when a mainland service does not have coverage and does not respond, the neighboring municipality is toned out to respond. Obviously, we can't do that here. If no one responds to an island call, the consequences could be catastrophic. Also, we need 1-EMT and 1-EMR to legally transport. With the changes coming this fall, our EMT roster will be thin. Looking to the future, I think a full-time position that maintains EMT coverage, Director responsibilities and even possibly work maintaining the ESB would be beneficial to all. I look forward to more discussion on this topic.

Report respectfully submitted by Sarah Schram.