

September Ambulance Report

The Ambulance Service responded to a total of 8 calls for the month of September. This brings the total to 85 calls for the year so far. Most notably this month, along with La Pointe Fire and Police, we responded to a structure fire involving a fully engulfed two-story home. These types of calls do not happen often and involve many different moving pieces. Despite this being the first structure fire for many of the first responders, they did incredibly well- remaining calm, working as a team and remaining safe. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured despite the house being a total loss.

The annual budget for the Ambulance Service was submitted on 9/26. Also submitted on that date was our application for FAP (EMS- Funding Assistance Program) to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. We will hear back on the FAP grant in early 2026.

The Ambulance Service has begun it's off-season training meetings again (the 4th Wednesday of every month). For September, we ensured rigs were properly stocked with adequate supplies. We double checked expiration dates. We added a few different sizes of cuffs to our supplies for the vital monitors/ automatic BP machines and also an infant pulse ox tape sensor (a tape to wrap around the smallest finger which will give us a reading of the patient's oxygen level). We're looking forward to EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) Training date TBD.

With the heaviest of hearts, we had a final farewell for our comrade and friend, Nathan Nelson. For many years, Nathan volunteered for the Madeline Island Fire Department, Ambulance Service and Ice Rescue. I've included the Ambulance Service's dedication to Nathan in my report.

Nathan Eric Nelson-

Nathan was a dedicated member of the Madeline Island Ambulance Service for many years, and his impact on our community is immeasurable. His warm personality and caring demeanor made him an exceptional First Responder- he had a gift for speaking to patients as if he had known them his whole life, offering comfort in their most vulnerable moments. Nathan exemplified teamwork, dedication, and commitment, both on scene and beyond. As a fellow responder, you wanted Nathan by your side in an emergency, and you wanted him as a friend afterward to help process and grieve. Among the many

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stories that reflect his service, one stands out: early in his tenure, Nathan responded to a man who had been struck by a boat propeller, sustaining a severe arm injury. With a newly issued tourniquet in hand, Nathan acted swiftly and decisively, very likely saving that man's life. This is just one of countless moments where his presence made all the difference. Nathan did not leave behind small ripples, he created a lasting wake that will reverberate in our hearts and memories for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Schram 10/01/2025