

**Madeline Island Ambulance Service  
Monthly Report – January 2026  
Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Schram**

January was a very quiet month for the service, with a total call volume of **two calls**. We are grateful for the uneventful nature of the month and the opportunity it provided to focus on training, equipment readiness, and administrative updates.

### **Training & Continuing Education**

With the slower call volume, we dedicated time to hands-on skills training, including:

- Review and operation of the **LUCAS chest compression device**
- **Epinephrine draw-up** practice from vials
- Proper sizing and application of **cervical collars** for adults and infants
- Training on the **mounted suction units** in our ambulances

In addition, members have enrolled in required refresher courses through **Northwood Technical College**:

- **40-hour EMT refresher**
- **18-hour EMR refresher**

We will also be completing **online CPR recertification**. Most service licenses are on track to be renewed prior to the June deadlines.

### **Winter Operations Update**

Ambulance **508 (Mercedes)** is currently designated as our primary response vehicle due to its lighter weight and all-wheel drive capability, which makes it better suited for winter travel conditions.

All patient transports are being conducted via **windsled** at this time. We remain in close communication with **Arnie Nelson** and the other windsled operators to ensure timely transport availability. **Bayfield Ambulance Service** continues to provide support on the mainland side and is prepared to receive patients from the landing as needed.

### **Equipment & Inventory**

During January, a full inventory review was completed. All supplies were checked for expiration dates and stock levels to ensure readiness. Equipment organization and replacement needs were addressed as necessary.

### **Billing & Administrative Updates**

Administrative time was used to review and update our insurance billing portals. Payment information and payer enrollment details were verified to help ensure a smooth and efficient billing year.

## **Staffing & Roster Changes**

We are excited to see continued growth and professional development within our roster.

- **Kye Castillo, Lilah Guertin** are currently enrolled in the EMT course through Allied Medical Training. We look forward to them earning their EMT licensure in early spring.
- **Alan Lindquist** has also enrolled in an EMT course and will be a valuable asset to the island community in his dual role as a police officer and EMT.

We also recognize recent departures:

- **Evan Ralph** retired at the end of the season after **nine years of dedicated service** as an EMR. We sincerely thank him for his commitment and contributions to the ambulance service.
- **Zach Whitaker** has also moved on from the service. We appreciate the time and effort he gave while serving the community.