

Madeline Island Ambulance Service

Monthly Report – March 2026

For the month of March 2026, the Madeline Island Ambulance Service responded to a total of **two calls for service**.

One call involved a **standby for the Fire Department**, which was later determined to be a propane leak. The second call required a **complex patient transport via wind sled** due to unfavorable weather conditions. This transport was successfully completed through coordinated efforts between the Madeline Island Ambulance Service, Madeline Island Fire Department, Madeline Island Police Department, Wind Sled Inc., and the Bayfield Ambulance Service. The collaboration and communication between all agencies ensured the safe and efficient transport of the patient under challenging conditions, and all parties performed exceptionally well.

As is typical for this time of year, call volume remains low. We welcome this seasonal lull while recognizing that activity levels will increase rapidly with the arrival of warmer weather and the beginning of the tourist season.

During March, the department conducted a **training session at the State Park**, focusing on loading and unloading patients using the UTV (a shared resource between the Ambulance and Fire Departments). Members also reviewed the State Park map and key access points to the beach. Given the frequency of calls to both Town and State Park locations, familiarity with terrain and access routes remains critical to ensuring timely patient care.

A noteworthy development this month is that, for perhaps the first time in the agency's history, **all three department heads—Ambulance, Fire, and Police—are active EMTs on the Madeline Island Ambulance Service**. This represents a significant step forward in interagency collaboration. Having leadership from each department directly involved in EMS response strengthens communication, improves operational coordination, and reinforces a shared commitment to public safety. This alignment positions our agencies to work more seamlessly together and enhances our overall effectiveness in serving the community.

Our EMTs and EMRs are continuing to complete their required **refresher courses** in preparation for license renewals in June 2026. Upon completion, certifications will remain valid for an additional three-year cycle. Additionally, the majority of responders have successfully renewed their **CPR certifications**, ensuring continued compliance and readiness.

Lastly, the Ambulance Service looks forward to collaborating with the newly formed **Auxiliary Committee**, led by Michael Childers. We are optimistic about the opportunities this group presents and appreciate their willingness to support the service in meaningful ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Schram- Ambulance Director

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