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BAY SHORE-BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE

DECEMBER, 2012 NEWS LETTER

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Dear Members,

With the holiday season upon us and the year drawing to a close, We wanted to say how deeply appreciative we are of all that you've done for the Department.

Together, we have weathered a particularly difficult year; yet despite the challenging circumstances you have remained steadfast in your commitment to the Department and its mission. You continue to work hard and to do the work of the Department even as you confront the challenges that storm "Sandy" gave us.

We are proud to volunteer with such talented and dedicated people. We hope you never forget that your contributions make this the greatest EMS department in the world. You are part of an organization that furthers and betters the lives of many.

In closing, let us say once again how grateful we are for your hard work, loyalty, and perseverance in the face of these challenging times.

Have a peaceful cold weather season. We send you our sincere wishes for a joyful holiday season with family, friends and loved ones.

With best wishes, We are, Sincerely yours,

The Editors of signal19 @ bsbra

WILLIAM FROEHLICH 30



Dear Members:

First, I would like to wish all of you and your families a healthy and happy holiday season. As we come to the close of another year, we find that there are a lot of things that we are all thankful for. This year, I believe that we all have a lot more to be thankful for, especially after Super Storm Sandy.

I would like to thank all of you that assisted during the time period of October 29 thru November 15, 2012. This time period was considered the to be the operations portion of the storm, where the EOC's were open and fully operational. During that time, we answered 238 alarms, one of the highest in the Town of Islip. We responded to medical calls, as well as numerous CO alarms and fires that were sparked by electrical lines and issues. The planning for this storm was essentially the pinnacle of my career in the Chief's Office. During my time, I have been "lucky" to help in the coordination of three major storms. While Isaac (2 yrs ago), proved to be nothing, Irene proved to be somewhat news worthy. But Sandy, took the cake, and was one of the largest storms to hit this area in over 100 yrs. Thanks again to the thirty people that left their homes and their families to help those who were in need during the storm.

During Sandy, we were able to roll our newest addition to our fleet into the storm. Special Ops 3-24-1 was activated by the SC EOC to assist in keeping Good Samaritan open by transporting blood from GSH to South Side, due to a flooding blood lab at GSH. It also responded to the numerous fires that we had, and was an intricate part at a potentially dangerous situation at the Atria. Great job to Chief Gerald Guszack for coordinating the crews and making sure that everything was running smoothly. Speaking of our new vehicle, I would like to thank all of you who came out for the "wet down" ceremony. It was a day that was cold and windy, but we weathered it. Please see the attached pictures contained within the signal 19.

I would also like to recognize the Bay Shore Youth Squad for doing their part for the holidays. With the help of their advisor, John Martinez, the Youth Squad raised donations and shopped for food that was to be disbursed to families in need though out the Bay Shore area. With their efforts, they were able to feed 14 families for Thanksgiving. During that time, they learned the valuable lesson of what it is to be a volunteer organization and always being there to help our neighbors. Great job by all!

There are several upcoming events that all members should be aware of. They are as follows:

December 3 @ 2000 hours is the General Meeting

December 5 @ 1900 hours is the joint meeting of the BOD and Line Officers

December 15 @ 1000 hours is the start of the Santa Run

“” “” @ 1200 hours is the Children's Party. Santa arrives at 1400 hrs.

“” “” @ 1900 hours is the Adult Party

December 24-December 25, 1800-0001 hrs is Holiday Duty. All Members asked to help

December 31-January 1, 1800-0001 hrs is Holiday Duty

Thank you to everyone that helped out over the past year, a year that has been filled with not only joy, and love, but also sadness and destruction. My wish for each and every one of you is that for the New Year, there is nothing but happiness and joy in your lives. On behalf of ALL of the Officers, I wish you and your families and happy and healthy holiday season, and a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

Bill Froehlich, Chief of Department @ bsbra

“WET DOWN 3-24-1”





NOAH FISCH 32

Dear Members



Thank you to everyone that has showed up to the mandatory trainings. There has been a higher attendance record at the first 2 trainings than I have seen in some time. Training for December will be Medical Spanish taught by Felix Rodriguez and John Martinez. This training is a great opportunity to learn how to communicate with patients when a language barrier arises. Jim's CME's are taught twice a month and are a great way to gain some hours for your CME refresher.

If you are not enrolled in the CME program and would like to be, Please contact me and I will be happy to set you up.

Please make sure to clean up after eating and using the bedrooms. We have seen an increase in overnight crews which also means an increase in linen usage.

Great Job getting all those multiple alarms out.

The Chiefs and Officers couldn't be more proud of what you have all helped to accomplish this year.

Have a happy, healthy, and Safe holiday season.

Noah Fisch 2nd Assistant Chief @ bsbra



GERALD GUSZACK 33



Dear Members,

My report will be short, but necessary. 3-24-1 IS IN SERVICE at this time, however, all members are reminded that they must be cleared by me to drive it. At this time, we are trying to get all of the Officers cleared on it, and then we will move on to the membership. We are doing this for many reasons, but one of the biggest reasons is simply because all members who operate the truck, must be fluent in its capabilities.

The Chiefs are also going to be rolling out an SOP for the truck within the next few weeks. This SOP will outline the response plan for SPEC OPS 1. Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Gerald Guszack 3rd Asst Chief @ bsbra

DECEMBER'S CALENDAR

CME TRAINING
"Subject TBD" "Jim Guilliland"
Sunday Dec. 2nd 2012
HQ @ 1200 hours

SANTA'S RUN
Around Bay Shore
Saturday Dec. 15th 2012
Time TBA

General Meeting
To All Members
Monday, Dec. 3rd 2012
HQ @ 2000 hours

MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAM
"All Members"
Wednesday, Dec. 19th 2012
HQ @ 1900-2030 hours

CME
"Subject TBD" "Jim Guilliland"
Tuesday, Dec. 11th 2012
HQ @ 1900 hours

HOLIDAY TOUR
"Christmas Day"
Tuesday, Dec. 25th 2012
HQ @ 0001-2400 hours

OTHER TRAINING
To Check for future trainings
please click [HERE](#)



GOOD & WELFARE

Dear Members,

Michelle Millers Grandmother passed away. Our condolences go out to Michelle and her family.

If you have changed your address, please email rdean@bsbra.org to update it.

Good & Welfare committee @ bsbra

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Sunday

[#54] By Felix Rodriguez * Cell: (631) 813-5142 * E-mail:frodriguez@bsbra.org

Thanks you all for a great job this month. Just want reminder everyone the importance of doing rig checks and restocking the rigs after EACH call. This includes cleaning the ambulances and keeping them clean. Please keep this in mind.

Thank you.

Monday

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No
Report Submitted



Tuesday

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Hi Everyone!

I would like to start out by wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas & Happy Chanukah!! May the seasons and the New Year bring you happiness & health!

We are getting by on Tuesdays, but barely. Every month it is the same plea but it remains the same. There are so many members of this department, yet it is always the same people who are stepping up to help pick up the slack. I really need as much help as you can offer or are willing to offer. Whether you come down & pull hours or if you can just take a radio & listen up, it would be appreciated & recognized. The weak spots are midnight until 1800. I am usually here around 1000 after my morning class & stay throughout the day. If you are a probie & would like extra time on the ambulance, please come down. You are guaranteed to get on a job, as I do not have any probies on until 1800. Also, if you are looking to get precepts or driver trained, that could be done as well.

Another issue constantly addressed is the cleanliness of the building.

All probationary members are expected to clean up. This means taking out the garbage if it is full or doing the dishes in the sink or putting them away if the dish drain is full. If a captain, crew chief or a senior member asks you to do so, you are not to reply with "That's not my job." Every single one of us in this membership is responsible for keeping this building clean, including the line officers. I understand it is incredibly frustrating that there are certain members who are unwilling to clean up after themselves. If you see someone who leaves a mess, please, write it up so we can address it with them. We are all adults & none of us are here to clean up after anyone. Enough is enough already. Take responsibility for cleaning up after yourself after you eat or cook. One other thing, if your crew eats together in the meeting room & tables are combined to accommodate everyone, please make sure you put the tables back where they belong. Every week, at least twice a week, I am putting tables back where they belong to ensure the room looks good for the EMT refresher class.

When responding to a call, all members must be in a corp. identifier. Shirts, jackets or hoodies from other departments are not acceptable. You are representing BSBRA when you are responding to calls here, not FDNY or Brentwood. Also, OSHA gear or tech pants must be worn. It is for your protection. And it looks so much more professional. Many times I have been on jobs & see other departments come in to the ER wearing street clothes. I always think to myself how unorganized & sloppy they look. I do not want people to look at our department & think the same thing.

Finally, I would like to say thank you so much to everyone who came down & helped out during the storm. Your dedication to the corp. & the community does not go unnoticed. It was so wonderful to see so many people down here, getting along, hanging out, and playing games, yet ready to respond to the community members at a moments notice. This is yet another example of what makes our department one of the best. This building, this corp. has something very special about it. Every single one of you makes it this way. Every single one of you contributes something to it. Please do not ever forget that.

Respectfully Kerri Paoletti Tuesday Captain @ bsbra

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I would like to start by thanking everyone for another great month. We covered almost all of our jobs, and everyone came together to get through the largest storm to hit our area in over 25 years. While I wasn't in NY for the storm, I was still in touch with the other officers and heard nothing but good things. Your dedication to the people of Bay Shore and Brightwaters was made very apparent by the large amount of suitcases and portable bedding that I noticed around the building when I returned home. While I hope that we never see anything like that again, it's good to know that should Sandy ever come calling again, we have some of the most dedicated and well prepared members around.

With the good sometimes comes the not so good. I'd like to cover some of Noah's territory here in regard to trainings. Mandatory trainings are just that, mandatory. For EVERYONE. From the Chief of the Department all the way down to the newest dispatch member. These trainings are mandated by the state, and unfortunately site specific. Trust me when I tell you I know how aggravating this is for some of you who are involved with multiple EMS or healthcare agencies. In 2011 I did the OSHA training 4 times in a 3 month period. Same videos, same tests, same everything. It's just something we have to do. There is no reason why Noah, myself and the other captains should have to chase you all around to get these trainings done. You're all required to attend a monthly training or do a make up, so it's nothing new. There is also no reason why I should be getting messages from people telling me that they've never attended trainings, so why should they start now. Probably the scariest message I got was from someone who has been in EMS a very long time who told me they didn't know what an OSHA training was, and as such didn't understand why they had to attend. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the deadline for OSHA will have passed and hopefully all of you will have completed it, so that you maintain your riding privileges and your Captains don't have the extra strain of being down good solid members. Novembers training was sexual harassment, which is also mandatory. Let's just all make sure we have it completed by the deadline, so we can avoid repeating this situation.

As always, do your rig checks, clean up after yourself and respect your fellow members. I look forward to another great month of working with you all. If anyone has any issues feel free to contact me at any time (literally, I never sleep).



Duty Hours NOVEMBER 2012

Name	Hours	Calls	Pager Resp.	Comm.	Meeting	Training	Holiday	Misc.
Gazzo, S.	98	24			3	1		SH
Guest, D.	12	2			2	3		GM
Guszack, C.	28	9						
Guszack, G.								
Herrington, T.	19	4						
Haubrich, C.	29.5	5						
Haubrich, E.	39.25	11			5	1		GM, BOD
Haynes, K.	32	3						
Hefter, D.	27.5	6						
Henriques, J.	48	5						
Hoffman, Ja.	62	24			4			BOD
Hughes, L.	71.5	20		2	8.5	10		Officers, CC Class
Hutchinson, M. INTERIM								
Johnson, A. INTERIM								
Kremer, A. MATERNITY						15		Refresher
Kwok, D.								
Lewis, J.M. INTERIM								
Lutz, B. INTERIM								
Marchione, S.	23.5	4		4.5		1		Probie, SH
Martinez, J.	41	9	1	5.5	2			Probie, GM, WetDown
Martino, D.	8.5					1.5		CME
McCann, C.	19	2	1			12		CC Class
Matthews, M.	28.5	4		3	2	1.25		CME, GM
Mileski, J.F.	17.5	11		1.5	2	3		CMA, GM, O2
Miller, M.	21.75	5						
Mongan, E.	18	2		2				Fundraising
Monterroso, N. INTERIM	5.5	2			2	1		SH, GM
Mullin, A.	110.5	37		1	2	1.5		SH, Probie, GM
Nelson, J.	22	8					4	
O'Connor, M.	10	5				6		CME
Paoletti, K.	133.5	32		5	6	4.5		CME, GM, Probie
Phillips, M.	20.5	3		11	2	3.25		GM, SH, WetDown
Preisinger, T.	68.5	10						
Pysock, J.	33	12						
Restrepo, P.	7.5	2						
Rodriguez, F.	36.5	11		2	3.5	2	6	Officers, SH
Rollero, D.	30	13		2	2	4.5		GM, SH, OSHA
Seibert, J. INTERIM								
Seymour, A.J.	18	6		1				Fundraising
Shetty, N. INTERIM								
Shaw, J.								
Smith, R.	40	12		7	2	36		Fundraising, Medic
Stevens, B.	12	2						



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Name	Hours	Calls	Pager Resp.	Comm.	Meeting	Training	Holiday	Misc.
Thomas, S.	21.5	5			2			GM
Virga, M.	56	12						
Vita, M. INTERIM								
Weis, V.	40.5	12			2	1.5		GM, SH
Young, M.								
DISPATCHERS								
Ayers, C.	37.5	6			2			GM
Haynes, Kh.	11.75	7						
Hayward, C.								
Kwok, J.	25.5	11						
Manzella, A.	25	15						
Michel, J INTERIM								
Panza, E.	10	6		1				House
Taormina, L.	37			2.5	5.5			Officers, WetDown
Tierney, D.	18.25	9			2			GM
AUXILLIARY								
Abrams, B.								
Butler, K.								
Corsini, G.	9			2				House
Davis, T.								
Falconer, M.	5							
Hoffman, Jo.	12	2			2			GM
Horn, E.	10			5				WetDown
Komoroski, T.	7	3	1					
Sanchez, L.					1.75			7TH
ASSOCIATE								
Boucher, G.		1						
PROBATIONARY								
Azzarino, J.	22.5	11						
Ayers, M.								
Bailey, S.								
Barto, J.	15	5						
Blasé, T.	100	30		1		1.5		SH, Physical
Bolden, S.								
Brandofino, D.								
Brodie, D.								
Cantalino, M. INTERIM								
Cooper, A.	24.25	7						
Cousin, R.	25	5			2			GM
DeQuatro, D.	29	15						
Diaz, Y.	30	9			2	1		GM, SH
Dolan, M.	180.5	35				19		EMT



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Name	Hours	Calls	Pager Resp.	Comm.	Meeting	Training	Holiday	Misc.
Dufour, J.								
Frost, P.	20	14						
Flores, M.								
Fuentes, R.								
Fraser, J. INTERIM								
Grathwohl, K.	28	8			2	1		GM, SH
Gonzalez, J.								
Gravina, A.								
Gomez, J.	110.45	26						
Harris, M.	25.5	9		14	2	1		GM, SH
Herrera, J.	18	9			2	3.5		GM, Probie
Hock, B.								
Hopkins, J.								
Howard, J.	45	13						
Jacob, J.	23	7						
Jacob, R.	25.5	4						
Jeri, M.	9	1						
Job, A.	18	7						
Johnson, K.	29	16			2	1		GM, SH
Jones, K.								
Jordan, S.								
Karadenes, D.								
Kayser, C. STUDENT								
Kelbick, J.	48	21						
Kooplikkat, A.	45.5	9				5		Probie
Kwok, C	4	1				5		Probie
Lopez, K.	31.25	5				1		SH
McKinnon, D.	7							
Maiforth, H.	41.5	18			2	3		GM, Probie
Mackenzie, K.								
Marshall, D.	7	2						
Martinez, Ju. INTERIM								19
Mathew, S.								
Mathews, J.	24.5	12						
Mehmedi, K.								
Messing, J.	118.5	9			2	14		GM, Refresher
Monteleione, C.								
Nabinger, K.								
Nabinger, M.	20.5	4						
Nunez, B.	23	4			2			GM
Ortiz, B.	42	16						Stand By
Papadimitriopoulos	20	3						
Pillai, S.	16.5	4						



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Name	Hours	Calls	Pager Resp.	Comm.	Meeting	Training	Holiday	Misc.
Portillo, L.	24	6						
Riley, J.	30	4				6		Probie
Rodriguez, A.	12	2				1.5		SH
Romano, J.	9	4						
Rosner, B. INTERIM								
Sallai-Herrera, A.	24	12						
Sweeney, J.								
Timmers, C.	73	19						
Vargas, A.	22.5	6			2	1		GM, SH
Wojciechowski, M.	3	3				1		Probie
MILITARY								
Ayers, P.								
Bignami, C.								
Flood, Ch.								
Tenhoopen, D.								
Young, G.								

Hello everyone! Just a few points I'd like to address...

1. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT leave any drinks in the dispatch office. It is almost a regular occurrence now that I'm finding PCR's or log sheets covered in coffee. These are legal documents believe it or not. As well as our very expensive dispatch console and radios, I cannot stress enough that there is no place in that room for your beverages.

2. If you are being precepted in the attempt to get cleared as an EMT, please make sure that YOU are making copies of your PCR's. It is no ones responsibility but yours to get all your paperwork in order for your preceptor to submit for you. Do not ask me to pull PCR's that you forgot to make copies of. We have had quite the influx of probationary members lately and I can not just run down to the building to pull PCR's for everyone.

3. Time cards are pulled on the very last day of every month. You have the entire month to be able to sign in. You may have pulled 100 hours, went on 50 calls, and did work for 5 committees BUT if you do not sign in then there is no record that any of this ever happened. PLEASE make sure you at the least sign in for your duty slots, general meetings, and mandatory trainings. If I had a dollar for every blank time card I come across each month, well...

I am grateful to be able to work with such dedicated and positive people. Keep up the good work and keep proving that BSBRA is the upstanding & professional department that we have grown to be. Stay safe & happy holidays :)

LynMarie Taormina Supervisor of Dispatch @ bsbra

SUPER STORM SANDY FUNDRAISER

“Responders Helping Responders”
Wednesday, December 12th, 2012



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A Thanksgiving letter

When I think about the Thanksgiving season I think about, warmth, family, friends, and food. So much food, that the whole family is eating turkey sandwiches and turkey stew until Christmas. A lot of people are lucky enough to have these fond memories of Thanksgiving, but there are many families that are not so lucky. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Thanksgiving 2012 is exceptionally challenging.

On November 18th, thanks to money allocated to us by the membership, I had the privilege of working together with John Martinez and the Youth Squad in adopting 15 families for Thanksgiving. When I called St. Patrick's Parish to tell them we were interested in adopting families, the lady on the other end of the line asked, "Would you like to adopt one family or two?" , I responded, "We were thinking as many as twenty families." This was the start to a wonderful and rewarding project.

The Youth Squad began by each getting assigned a family that they were responsible for. On lists were each member of the family and their ages. The families varied in size, one family consisted of eight people. The youth was individually responsible for making sure every member in these families was accounted for. Together, and with the help of many generous donations we were able to feed every family twice over. Upon delivering the boxes; with every Youth Squad member packed into the bus; we could see the severity of poverty people in our community were experiencing. All recipients were overwhelmingly appreciative, in particular the family of eight. After three people carried a giant box inside and set it on the counter we began to pile back into the bus. The mother of the household yelled out of the door asking us to come back. The seven children of the family had something for us. It was a card, written in crayon that said, "Thank you, Happy Thanksgiving, God bless you". Thanks to the membership, chiefs, Youth Squad, and Generous donations, I believe we successfully helped fifteen families create happy Thanksgiving memories of their own.

Morgan Matthews/December 2012



Y/S ALYSSA RODRIGUEZ

Hello my name is Alyssa Rodriguez.

I joined youth squad in the beginning of 2012. My mom and my sister started as probationary members a few months before I joined youth squad.

My sister wants to be in the medical field and my mom joined because she was taking my sister to her probie classes so she ended up liking it so she joined too.

My mom found out there was a youth squad and told me about it. At first when I went I was leery about it. After talking to Kerri Paoletti I thought I would give it another try and I liked it.

I have now been there for almost a year and I absolutely love it. I plan on doing something in the medical field when I am older.

In youth squad I have made a whole bunch of amazing friends. They are all great people inside and out. Our instructor John Martinez is a great and caring person even if he is hard on us sometimes.

I plan on volunteering at BSBRA when I am old enough to join as a Member.....

Alyssa Rodriguez YS Member @ BSBRA

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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12/21/12	Peter Klopsis
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-John Martinez, editor of Signal19 @ BSBRA