



*Happy  
Valentines Day  
to all  
the members  
of  
BSBRA*



## *Stuck On You*

*You're sucrose, you're glucose,  
You're fructose and more,  
From your head to your feet...  
Which are stuck to the floor.*

*You're Hershey's, you're Snickers,  
You're sweet English Toffee.  
If you spit in my cup,  
You'll just sweeten my coffee.*

*I love you so much  
That I'm getting frenetic,  
But I can't even kiss you,  
'cause I'm diabetic.*

# **WILLIAM FROEHLICH 30**



**Dear Members;**

**First, I would like to commend you all on another great month. Although its been busy, we have just fine getting the multiple alarms out. I would just like to remind you all to keep listening to the pagers, and please call in when you are available. Please do not rely on the text pages due to an issue that MEDCOM is having. On average, there is about a 5 minute delay between activation**

**I would also like to thank the Installation dinner committee on doing a great job on this years dinner. I believe that the entire membership had a great night! I would like to remind all of the members that this fun does come at a price. Please continue to do your part to help the fund raising committee out with all of their ventures. These committees succeed because of you and your help.**

**The QA/QI committee is up and running, and is working hand in hand with the newly formed PCR committee. Please make sure that all captions of your PCR's are filled in, including the run numbers. There have been several members who have already had remediation in regards to their PCR writing skills. Should you have an questions in regards to your PCR writing, please contact Steve Fishman, chair of the QA/QI committee. Should questions arise about obtaining a PCR from the box, or the PCR committee, please contact the Chiefs Office.**

**As you all can see, the weather has changed over the past month. Although these little bouts of snow are manageable for most, I would like to remind everyone that safety comes first. If we declare a "storm standby", its for a reason. Most of the time, our decisions are based upon road conditions and pure speculation and anticipation of call volumes. We would appreciate that in the even a standby is called, please plan to respond to the building in a safe manner. We don't want anyone getting hurt in these conditions. Remember, safety of our members comes first!**

**Something that we spoke in length about at the Officers meeting was respect of fellow members. There has been a detrimental increase of people talking about others, and speaking nastily of them. This has been heard on the members level, as well as the officers level. I would just like to remind everyone that we are human beings. Unfortunately in a group this size, we are bound to have things like this happen. However, the words that are spoken, the way things are said and the way things are perceived, all have the ability to hurt. We are all adults in this organization, and we should be acting as such. Treat each other with the respect that you would want to be treated with. Treat the patients that we see with the dignity that they deserve. We are all have different reasons for being here, but we all have the same goal, and that is to help one another, and help the communities of Bay Shore and Brightwaters.**

**Once again, thank you for all of your hard work and please have a safe month!**

**Respectfully,**

**Bill Froehlich  
Chief of Department**

# Chiefs Address: Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance

Good Evening and Welcome to the 54th Annual Installation Dinner for the Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Winston Churchill said of volunteers, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." I cannot think of a more truthful statement to open tonight's ceremony with. To the Membership, Officers and the Board of Directors of this great organization- Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication during this past year. Each one of us knows that there is no such thing as a "typical day" in the life of a volunteer. Besides the daily routines of work, home, school, as well as other activities, the members of BSBRA are always there to help the communities of Bay Shore and Brightwaters.

In 2012, our membership answered a total of 4001 alarms, most of the time, consisting of more than one call at a time. As a team, we were able to keep our mutual aid rate to a minimal 1.17%. In addition to getting calls out, our organization held multiple successful fund raisers, created and ran many educational outreach programs for our community and participated in a large number of town events. We held car washes, we worked with the local boy and girl scouts and covered multiple standbys. After a 5 year planning period, we welcomed home our beloved MCI Truck, Hercules. As always with any year, there were ups and there were downs, yet as an organization we faced each challenge head on.

One of the most significant challenges our organization has faced to date was Hurricane Sandy. Though out the duration of this storm of historic proportions, our membership left their homes, their families and relocated to a home away from home- "911 Aletta Place". Even in the face of danger, our dedicated volunteer and paid staff weathered the storm and overcame every obstacle thrown our way. Working hand in hand with the Bay Shore Fire Department, we were able to coordinate rescues from rising waters, remove down trees that hampered means of transportation, and facilitate various transports from local medical facilities. A new found appreciation for communication was found, as we did all off this without communication and without many of the daily resources that we have always taken for granted. Thankfully, a majority of our membership came away from the storm untouched by its horrific wrath, something that we are all thankful for.

As Long Island started the rebuilding process, A decision was made to donate our old 3-24-1 as well as our mini bus 3-24-85 to FEMA. Thanks to our own James Gilliland, we were able to change our plans and do something we all wanted to do from the start-- Help a local agency in need. After little debate, and a few phone calls, BSBRA was able to coordinate a donation with the City of Long Beach Fire Department.

One of the most humbling experiences of my life was delivering along side 4 of our members our mini bus to Long Beach. When we arrived, there was an Engine from Deer Park and standby crews from East Meadow and Levittown. Personnel came from as far away as Vermont to help in the rebuild of this beach front city. It was incredible to see the support of many agencies during this difficult time. During a conversation with the Commissioner and Chief of the Long Beach Fire Department, it was evident that their homes and businesses were affected. Their families had been displaced; their lives as well as the world they knew was turned upside down. But with all they had been through, they were thankful that they had their lives, and that their families were safe and out of danger. They were thankful for the little things such as our little mini-bus and strangers who step up to help. Our visit no matter how brief, left us with a profound message, **With all that was bad in this world, all the suffering that we go through, and all of the opposition that we face- human nature will prevail.**

2012 was a year of challenge and change. However, with each hurdle, our department rose to the occasion. Our success was dependent on hard work, however we did not do it alone. Thank you to our neighboring ambulance districts of Exchange Ambulance of the Islip's, Central Islip Hauppauge Volunteer Ambulance, Brentwood Legion Ambulance, and of course Community Ambulance. A special Thank You to the Bay Shore Fire Department for your assistance, your support and your continued friendship to our agency. It is wonderful to work along side of such a group of talented individuals. Your continued support is essential to our success and we **Thank You** all that you do.

It is an honor for me to stand in front of you as the 28th Chief of Department. I look forward to another great year, and working with each hand every one of you. Enjoy tonight and stay safe.

# NOAH FISCH 32



Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone that has come down for the trainings. If there is a specific training you would like to have held, please contact me.

Everyone month there will be a CPR class. February will be an refresher and March will be a original. This will occur every month. For CPR instructors, please remember that you are required to teach 3 classes every 2 years to maintain your certification. For those of you enrolled in EMT classes of any type, you are required to fill out an excuse form so I can accurately give you training credit. If that is not done, there is very little way for me to know and therefore it is assumed that

you have missed the monthly trainings which could possibly affect you voting status. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Great Job getting the calls out.

Noah Fisch 2nd Assistant Chief @ bsbra

## FEBRUARY 2013'S CALENDAR

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**To All Members**

**Monday, Feb. 4th 2013**

**HQ @ 2000 hours**

### **CPR CLASS**

**Sunday, Feb. 10th 2013**

**HQ @ 1000 hours**

### **MANDATORY PHYSICAL EXAM**

**All members**

**Friday, Feb. 8th 2012**

**HQ @ 1900-2100 hours**

### **CME Training Subject TBA**

**Jim Guilliland**

**Wednesday Feb. 13th 2013**

**HQ @ 1900 hours**

### **CME Training Subject TBA**

**Jim Guilliland**

**Sunday Feb. 10th 2013**

**HQ @ 1200 hours**

### **OTHER TRAINING**

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

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Sunday

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

All,

Thank you for coming down a helping out on Sunday's. like every month I want to reiterate the importance of keeping the ambulances clean inside and out at all times. It does not take much for this to happen. And hour out of a six hr tour is not much to ask.

Take pride

## Monday

[#51] By Michele Virga \* Cell: (631) 872-8169 \* E-mail:[mvirga@bsbra.org](mailto:mvirga@bsbra.org)



No  
Report Submitted

## Tuesday

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Thank you to everyone who has been coming down to help out.

I really need your continuous help for the next four months. From now until May I have my clinical rotation on Tuesdays. I don't want to be that captain that has the day fall apart just because of my other responsibilities. So please, if you are available at all to come down or to listen up, please call or text me and let me know.

We are all volunteers here. We do not volunteer our time to make enemies or to get aggravated. We volunteer because we love EMS and we love going on jobs. So with that, I ask each of you, if you have a problem with someone, please talk to them about it. Effective communication is the key to being successful. Without it, there can only be anger, hostility and resentment. Please attempt to get any issue you may have resolved so that you can continue to enjoy coming down here. I hate to see great providers leave because of something that could have easily been rectified with a little open communication, or a simple apology.

## Wednesday

[#55] By Bryan Stevens \* Cell: (631) 682-7482 \* E-mail:[bstevens@bsbra.org](mailto:bstevens@bsbra.org)

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## Thursday

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## Friday

[#52] By Alex Mullin \* Cell: (631) 872-8152 \* E-mail:[amullin@bsbra.org](mailto:amullin@bsbra.org)

Hello all. Nothing really to report this month as far as Fridays are concerned. Everything is status quo. The jobs are being covered and everyone is really pitching in to help on Fridays. Appreciated, as always. One thing i will say, and it's something that Fridays has been guilty of as well a couple times this month but rectified, is the decline in the cleanliness of the building. I think it goes without saying - let's try to clean up after ourselves. This should happen without anyone being told to do it. The captains and crew chiefs are ultimately responsible for all day to day operations and business of their specific days, but we can't be expected to remind you to clean up after yourselves constantly. Just not gonna happen. So please, if you use dishes, clean them. If you make a mess, clean it up. If the garbages are full, take them out. If the ambulance is a mess, clean it up. I understand that some people may find it unfair (and it is) to clean up "other people's" messes, but that DOES NOT excuse you from cleaning up the mess in front of you. Be a part of the solution, not the problem. Document what you found, report it to the captain or crew chief, and we will track down the source of the mess. Refusing to clean simply because you're not the source of the mess is not only counter productive, but an unacceptable attitude that will not be tolerated. For now, it's the only solution until we find out who created the mess.

That's about it for this month. Thank you everyone as always for your service, and "Godspeed".

## Saturday

[#50] By Schuyler Gazzo \* Cell: (631) 374-9240 \* E-mail:[sgazzo@bsbra.org](mailto:sgazzo@bsbra.org)

No  
Report Submitted

# Presidents Address: Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance

Good evening and welcome.

We have had another very good year here at our humble little ambulance corps and I am always moved when I witness your unswerving dedication to helping others. And to think that you are all volunteers.

I have always been interested in why people volunteer.

I am not talking about incidental volunteering, such as before or after a crisis. I wanted to understand about the long term volunteer, one that consistently gives time on a regular basis.

Why do people get involved as a volunteer in an organization? What is the motivation for people to take their time and talent to become involved? What does it take for volunteers to get involved and stay involved?

I am convinced that this understanding is critical to Bay Shore's survival as an organization. I believe the motivation to volunteer is internally generated. People do things for their own reasons, not ours, so our role here is to create an organizational culture that stimulates the inner motivation of each volunteer. What are we doing here that other struggling departments are not?

So after much contemplation and reflection, I have come up with the answer. Food. Food is what we use as stimulus to arouse that inner motivation. A well placed pizza, or hero, or fancy dinner, targets that internal motivation and scores a direct hit.

We feed you guys and you keep coming back.  
All right, so it not only food.

I have seen that most people respond to three levels of motivation.

**Basic Level: Self-serving drive**

People often join an organization because it meets their needs. That need may be for friendship, for belonging, for business, or many other self-serving needs. It doesn't mean that they are selfish but quite the opposite. They are giving of their time and energy to fulfill that internal need.

**Secondary Level: Relational drive**

People also volunteer because of friendship. When a friend personally asks someone to volunteer, it is often hard to say, "No." If the friend is excited about a certain cause, he or she is the best person to do recruiting. Relational marketing is one of the most effective marketing tools.

**Highest Level: Belief drive**

The level of belief is the strongest level of commitment. When people volunteer because of their passion for a cause—they actually believe in the cause we have the strongest level of commitment. When people believe in the cause of the organization, even if that cause will cost them a great deal of personal sacrifice and pain, that is when the volunteer is highly motivated.. People join and volunteer because they believe the cause is right. This is the highest level of motivation.

People often join an organization at level one (self serving) or level two (because of a friend), but in time they become true believers and passionate about the cause. This is our goal with each member of our organization.

A Volunteer EMT and a lawyer died and went up to the heavenly gates. Saint Peter tells the volunteer to wait a little while, and lets the lawyer in first. As the gates close on the volunteer, he sees the lawyer greeted with fanfare! Music erupts, cheers are had. A choir of angels descend from above, and sing of joyous hallelujah for the lawyer. Finally, the great Lord Himself makes himself present, and gives a personal greeting and warm welcome to the lawyer. Things begin to die down, and the lawyer wanders off to enjoy his eternity in heaven.

As the last angel floats away, Saint Peter finally grants entrance to the volunteer. There is no music, no choir. The last of the crowd are leaving now. Confused, the volunteer looks to Peter for an explanation.

"Oh, we get EMS volunteers in here all the time. This was our first lawyer."

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.

- Erma Brombeck”

Peter Klopsis President @ BSBRA



# YOUTH SQUAD MEMBER



## Marc Nelson

Hi my name is Marc Nelson I am with the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance Youth Squad. I am 14 years old and from West Sayville, New York

I have been in the youth squad for about 2 and a half years going to the state tournament twice. I have been around Emergency Services all my life from my dad Jim Nelson being a fire fighter when I was born I was at the firehouse a lot of the time and I would always look up to him trying to be just like him. I played multiple sports playing baseball and lacrosse also I did kempo earning a Black Belt in it at age 10. I have been around many great people growing up always being around EMS

I first started taking a liking to EMS when I was 11 years old and loved to hear about some of the scenes my dad was at after his riding night. My dad first introduced me to Chief Frohlich when I was 12 and then I learned that there was a Youth Squad, I could join in a year. When I first came to the building I didn't know what to think. Then I met Mr. Martinez my instructor for the last 2 years. Mr. Martinez is a great instructor not only teaching us about EMS but also life lessons that will benefit me later in life. The first year I was in the Youth Squad was great learning new things and meeting new people. The second year though was great I wasn't new anymore knowing what to do for most situations and how to handle them. The highlight though was when we went up to states and my team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the overall competition. This year was the first time that I had won a trophy while I was here and I could never forget it. So far class is just about to start on a new year with new people and new experiences.

Marc Nelson Youth Squad Member @ BSBRA

# From: Bay Shore Middle School

## BSBRA Presentation

Dear Chief Froehlich,

My name is Anne DeKenipp and I am a teacher at the Bay Shore Middle School. I currently run an after-school program along with my colleague Kristina Holzweiss.

Our club is designed to get students involved in projects outside of school, both locally and globally. One of our students Andrew Paoletti asked his mom to organize a group of volunteers to come speak with the group. On Tuesday, January 15th four members of the BSBRA, April Kunz, Larry Burke, Diane Tierney and Chris Kayser came to the Bay Shore Middle School to meet with us.

I wanted to let you know what a positive experience this was for our students! The presentation was informative and captivating. My students were shown a powerpoint presentation as well as a demonstration of the equipment. Their interest was sparked and they were filled with questions. These volunteers surpassed my expectations and I am truly grateful for the experience and knowledge provided to my students.

Sincerely yours, Anne DeKenipp

## GOOD & WELFARE

### Illnesses:

Mike Lambert was out for a couple of weeks, but is back up and running

Jessica Reilly had shoulder surgery, and is doing a lot better

### Deaths:

Raymond Boucher Sr., grandfather of Auxiliary Member Gerard Boucher.

\*\*\* If you have changed your address or phone number, please email Robert Dean at [rdean@bsbra.org](mailto:rdean@bsbra.org). \*\*\*

A special thanks to the dinner dance committee for doing an outstanding job on this year's Installation Dinner. Thanks to: Joann Capuano, Jennifer Davis, Laurie Hughes, Jessica Callard

## PCR COMMITTEE

Hello All, There have been a few things that we have noticed while sorting through the mounds of calls that we have on a monthly basis. We are asking for your help in the following ways:

- 1) Please secure all important pieces of paper (ie: PCR and Tube placement forms, or RMA, or EKG strips) together with tape or staple in the upper left hand corner.
- 2) Please ensure that the run numbers are placed on ALL Sheets and strips.
- 3) Make sure that when leaving the hospitals, you have a signature on the back of the PCR. This is a required aspect of the continuity of patient care.
- 4) ALS PROVIDERS: please make a copy of your ET tube placement sheet, and put that with your PCR. Please make sure that the original is placed in the Chief's Mailbox so that it can be sent to county as per their requirement.

Should there be any questions, please contact us. We understand that there is a lot of paper work, and that we as an organization have lots of calls. It is imperative that we get this paper work in order for future use.

Sincerely, Alex Froehlich and Amy Cooper @ BSBRA

# LOSAP CREDITS

## 2012 MEMBERS EARNING 50 POINTS

Ayers, Cameron  
 Ayers, Patrick  
 Bignami, Christopher  
 Brosnahan, Christine  
 Caccioppoli, Gregory  
 Callard, Jessica  
 Chapman, Charles  
 Chiatar, Shivannah  
 Davis, Jennifer  
 Dean, Robert  
 Dufour, Bryan  
 Fisch, Noah  
 Flick, Christine  
 Flood, Charles  
 Froehlich, Alexandra  
 Froehlich, William

Gazzo, Schuyler  
 Guszack, Christopher  
 Guszack, Gerald  
 Haber, Stanley  
 Harris, Matthew  
 Haubrich, Courtney  
 Haubrich, Elizabeth  
 Haynes, Karyn  
 Haynes, Kharmel  
 Henriques, John  
 Hoffman, Jason  
 Hughes, Laurie  
 Jeri, Maritza  
 Klopsis, Peter  
 Komoroski, Thomas  
 Kwok, David

Kwok, Joe  
 Marchione, Stacy  
 Martinez, John  
 Martino, Debbie  
 Matthews, Morgan  
 McCann, Christopher  
 Michel, Jonathon  
 Mileski, John  
 Mongan, Emily  
 Mullin, Alexander  
 Nelson, James  
 Ortiz, Bryant  
 Panza, Elizabeth  
 Paoletti, Kerri  
 Phillips, Matthew  
 Portillo, Luis

Preisinger, Timothy  
 Pysock, Jacqueline  
 Restrepo, Pauline  
 Rodriguez, Felix  
 Rollero, Daniel  
 Seymour, Anthony  
 Smith, Raymi  
 Stevens, Brian  
 Taormina, Lyn  
 Tenhoopen, Douglas  
 Thomas, Shavaronn  
 Tierney, Diane  
 Veraldo, Richard  
 Virga, Michele  
 Weis, Victoria  
 Young, Gary

## 2012 MEMBERS EARNING LESS THAN 50 POINTS

Abrams, William -24  
 Baker, Dustin -0  
 Barto, John -38  
 Boccio, Kristina -14  
 Boucher, Gerard -7  
 Brown, Cleo -39  
 Brunton, Tabitha -24  
 Butler, Kevin -0  
 Cairo, Diana -33  
 Cantalino, Marc -6  
 Caruso, Christopher -43  
 Ciabattari, Richard -46

Corsini, Gerard -27  
 Cousin, Richard -25  
 Cruzen, Eric -0  
 Dalba, Brian -48  
 Dejess, Arthur -23  
 Dekel, Alex -12  
 Dufour, Jessica -16  
 Eckhoff, Austin -46  
 Falconer, Michael -21  
 Fishman, Steven -49  
 Nabinger, Melissa -32  
 Frisina, Joseph -37

Guest, David -19  
 Hefter, Douglas -44  
 Herrington, Tania -44  
 Hock, Brandon -38  
 Hock, Betty -33  
 Hoffman, Jonathan -34  
 Horn, Eric -21  
 Hutchinson, Matthew -23  
 Kremer, Alejandra -42  
 Kunz, April -48  
 Lutz, William -38  
 Martinez, Julieth -49

Mathews, Jenny -35  
 McKinnon, Dwayne -35  
 Miller, Michelle -42  
 Monterroso, Nicole -17  
 Nyberg, Frank -6  
 O'Connor, Michael -47  
 Romano, Jessica -49  
 Rosner, Benjamin -48  
 Seibert, James -32  
 Vita, Melissa -23  
 Windsor, Estela -48  
 Young, Marci -7

# BSBRA Builds an Innovative Special Ops Vehicle



In certain areas around the country, we sometimes see a duplication of fire services and EMS, not to mention competition—sometimes downright animosity—between the two. But among the negative relationships, there are positive examples of fire and EMS working together in innovative, productive ways. The Bay Shore/Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance (BSBRA) organization, located on Long Island, has found a way to provide and expand service to their community while continually working side by side with the Bay Shore Fire Department. A great example of this positive relationship is apparent in the latest addition to the BSBRA’s fleet.

## Multiple Uses

According to BSBRA Chief of Department Bill Froehlich, the organization first had the idea to design a special operations vehicle some 10 years ago. “We already provide BLS and ALS services to our community, but wanted to expand what we do,” Froehlich says. “The basic concept was to have a vehicle with which we could respond to MCI and rehab incidents. We didn’t want a heavy-rescue vehicle, because that would infringe upon what the local fire department was responsible for.” The idea took a backburner until BSBRA Assistant Chief Gerald Guszack started working on the concept with earnest.

“We had operated with an older ambulance and a van for a long time” Guszack says. “We really needed more space for our equipment. We also wanted the vehicle to have 4 x 4 capabilities because we had some areas in our district that were not accessible with our available vehicles.” Guszack also specced the vehicle with a front-mounted winch, a light tower, a heat and A/C unit large enough to power a 15' x 30' tent, a microwave, a refrigerator, life preservers and BLS and ALS medical equipment. “Initially we looked around locally and nationally at what other EMS organizations were using,” Guszack says. “Using the Internet also helped in our search for a manufacturer to build the vehicle or our choice.” And this was no simple build—the BSBRA wanted the vehicle to be able to respond to mass-casualty incidents (MCIs), large fires, rehab, triage, wildfires, hurricanes and any other major disaster locally and even in a mutual-aid capacity throughout Islip, Suffolk and Nassau counties, and the five boroughs of New York City.

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## **Working Together**

Before the BSBRA purchased the vehicle, it met with the chiefs of the Bay Shore Fire Department. “We discussed what we wanted to accomplish with the response of the vehicle,” Froehlich says. “Normally we have two ambulances respond to every fire scene, so this would be an additional option should the vehicle be needed. We explained that we weren’t trying to step on anyone’s toes and that we would like to work with them at all emergency scenes. They welcomed the idea 100%, which took a great deal of stress off of us.”

Like most organizations, the BSBRA went out for competitive bidding. “We received quotes from three manufacturers,” Froehlich says. “Great Lakes Specialty Vehicles represented Custom Fab & Body of Marion, Wis. We felt that Custom Fab was good for us, simply based on the fact that their company had built similar vehicles for other agencies nationwide.” Custom Fab also gave the BSBRA a great price. “Since we didn’t have grant money, this helped us out a great deal,” Froehlich says. “Our budget comes from a special ambulance district tax, so price was important for us going forward with the purchase.”

Representatives from the BSBRA traveled to Custom Fab on at least four occasions to meet with engineers and oversee the build process. “They offered suggestions on what would or wouldn’t work, as well as being receptive to our ideas and implementing most of them,” Froehlich says. “The vehicle was delivered in record time and has worked out well for us. It came just in time for Hurricane Sandy.” The BSBRA fondly calls it Hercules.

## **Get Creative**

The BSBRA was proactive in their thinking. They planned for this purchase more than 10 years ago and designed the vehicle to not only help them expand their service to the community, but also to help the local fire department and other organizations through mutual aid. Preplanning in advance for your response district’s needs should be your first priority in any vehicle purchase. Also take into consideration budget constraints, and how the vehicle will respond and be used. In today’s poor economy, sharing equipment among agencies and working together is a great concept—one that should be expanded upon all over the country.

### **Sidebar: A Closer Look**

The Bay Shore/Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance’s new rescue vehicle is built on a 2009 Chevrolet C5500 Kodiak crew cab chassis with Duramax diesel engine and Allison automatic transmission. The OEM front bumper was removed and replaced with a Buckstop bumper that houses a recessed-mounted Warn 16,000-lb. winch. The truck is equipped with an Onan 20-kW Protect PTO generator that powers a Will-Burt NS4.5-9000(OPT) 9000-watt light mast and two Hannay electric rewind cable reels with 200 feet of 8/3 cable. The body is a 13' all-aluminum walk-around rescue-style body equipped with ROM aluminum roll-up doors. The body top features two coffin compartments, one on each side of the body with a center walkway. These compartments are equipped with multiple adjustable shelves and slide-out trays, including a dual direction tray. The apparatus is equipped with a Whelen M Series Super LED warning-light package and Whelen Pioneer LED scene lights in multiple locations.

### **Sidebar: More about BSBRA**

The Bay Shore/Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance operates with five ambulances:

- 2005 PL Custom
- Two 2003 PL Custom
- 1998 PL Custom
- 2009 Braun

All five vehicles are built on Ford F-350 chassis. The organization also operates several fly cars and a paramedic ALS vehicle that carries narcotics, telemetry and defibrillators. The organization is staffed by 150 volunteer members and four paid members who work 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., with duty crews covering the remainder. The response district covers eight square miles, with light industrial, restaurants, strip shopping centers, apartment complexes and a large waterfront area. During Hurricane Sandy, the company responded to an average of 25 runs per day for a total of 238 calls from Sunday through Wednesday of that week; 25 members were on duty during the week.

Respectfully Gerald Guszack 3rd Assistant Chief @BSBRA

# TRAUMA EMS CASE REVIEW



## **Dr. Michael Grossman**

*Director of Trauma/Acute Care Surgery*

**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2013

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Location:** Central Islip - Hauppauge

Volunteer Ambulance

4 Pineville Rd

Central Islip, NY 11722

(2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room)



**Dinner:** Light dinner will be served

**\*\*BLS EMS NON-CORE CME GRANTED\*\***

# Death by Drowning

CHF Revisited for the Prehospital Provider  
Including an understanding of the new protocols

*Joshua Moskovitz, MD, MPH*

*EMS Liaison*



NSUH Manhasset RUST Auditorium

Thursday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 730pm

**North  
Shore LIJ**

North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

Dinner Served  
Parking in Monti Lot  
RSVP greatly appreciated

**North  
Shore LIJ**

North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

300 Community Drive

2 CME Hours

RSVP: [EMSCONTACT@NSHS.EDU](mailto:EMSCONTACT@NSHS.EDU)

**Suffolk County Executive  
Steve Bellone  
and the  
Suffolk County Police  
Department**



would like to invite  
members of the  
**Suffolk County Volunteer**

- \*\* Firefighters \*\***
- \*\* E.M.S Personnel \*\***
- \*\* Auxiliary Police \*\***

to an event in honor of  
your tireless efforts during  
**Super Storm Sandy**

**Thursday, February 21, 2013**

**5:30 - 8:30pm**

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