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Happy New Year!

BSBRA SIGNAL 19

“and the following messages”



Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforce humility.

Breaking them is part of the cycle.

Start 2015 with a fresh ATTITUDE.

This new year take a new plunge into the ocean of hope and optimism and free yourself from all your grudges, sadness.

Welcome to 2015!!!

Chief Gerald Guzsack # 30



No Report Submitted for the month of December

3-24-30G Gerald Guzsack Chief of Department @ BSBRA

1st Assistant Chief Felix Rodriguez # 31



**Thank you to all the members for helping out this month.
I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.**

Please remember to do your rig checks and keep them clean, Great work everyone!

Company Secretary Jimmy Seibert has resigned from the position. He will be pursuing his Masters degree in Austria and will be moving up there the end of the month. Let's all wish him good luck and great success.

The Chiefs office will appoint Tania Harrington as interim Company Secretary to immediately fill the position.

In January's general meeting we will open the floor for nomination on the vacant position and voting will take place before the February General Meeting.

Eligibility will be based on the requirements set forth in the By-Laws for 2014-2015 year.

Please remember to sign in.

-Felix Rodriguez 1st Assistant Chief @ BSBRA

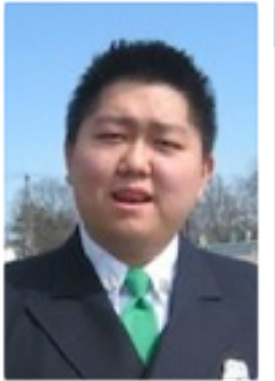
2nd Assistant Chief Brian Stevens # 32



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-Brian Stevens 2nd Assistant Chief @ BSBRA

3rd Assistant Chief David Kwok # 33



Hello all

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and new year. It has been a great year with everyone and their hard work and dedication.

Just a few minor things please keep the ambulances clean inside and out and make sure when you do your rig checks to check the fuel level of the buses. Also a reminder with responder usage is only for the officers unless given approval from the captain of the day. You must be a driver and EMT to be able to use them, and there is absolutely no probationary member allowed in the responder.

If you have a full crew in the responder then you should be in ambulance not the responder. Keep up the good work and have a safe year.

-David Kwok 3rd Assistant Chief @ BSBRA

Captain's Reports



SUNDAY Brian Dufour #50

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MONDAY Robert Dean #51

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TUESDAY William Lutz #52

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William Lutz Captain #52 * wlutz@bsbra.org



WEDNESDAY John Martinez #53

What can I say,

To all the members that help me this past year, Thank You so much, You have made my job so ease to handle

You made this a successful year for me, let us make this upcoming new year, one to remember!

Keep up the great job!

John Martinez Captain #53 * jmartinez@bsbra.org



THURSDAY Tim Presinger #54

I would first like to say that I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Years!

I still am in much needed help between 6:00 and 18:00. I still only have one Tech and the paid staff between those hours.

So if you are available to come down and help I would greatly appreciate it!

I would also like to remind everyone (once again) to please do your own dishes and clean up after yourselves. This should not be left for the next crew to do.

I also would like to remind everyone that a rig check MUST be done at the start of your shift. Do not wait for your crew chief or captain to tell you. You guys should know this. It is very important to make sure that we have the correct

equipment going into every call. So please do your rig checks.

Lets make this the best year yet!

Tim Presinger Captain #54 * chevyxl@aol.com



FRIDAY John Messing #55

No Report Submitted for the month of December

John Messing Captain #55 * busarider75@clearwire.net



SATURDAY Joseph Frisina #56

Hope everyone enjoyed their holiday's.

I wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy new year. I look forward to working with everyone in 2015, let's make it an awesome year at bsbra. Let's watch for these 2nd, 3rd and 4th alarms that are going out at once. If you are available, please lend a hand and get these jobs out. We owe it to our community. Other than that, I have nothing else to report.

Keep up the good work. As always, watch each other's backs and be safe.

Joe Frisina Captain #56 * jfrisina@bsbra.org

Common courtesy call to your captain of the day

We are seeing a rash of last minute call in's, no show-no calls, and members who consistently run late to their duty tours without any notifications to the Captain of the Day. We would like to remind the membership that a call just to give the Captain a heads up would be appreciated as they would be able to help cover that portion of the tour.

For the last minute call in's, it would be common courtesy to give your Captain an ample amount of time to assist in finding coverage. You might be asking yourselves, "What is an ample amount of time?" We are asking that you give a minimum of SIX (6) hours notice. Most people know (in the working world) that they will be calling in within at least that amount of time whether they be sick or just need a mental health day. We feel that the same applies for the volunteer world. We understand that things happen, however, calling in 15-20 minutes after your tour does not help us. We can't even find paid coverage in that time, let alone volunteer coverage. Please have the common courtesy to help the organization.

As far as no show-no calls, we can advise that this is totally unacceptable and it is spoken about way to often in meetings.

Members are also reminded that if you have a regular duty slot and you cannot make it, you are to contact the Captain and try to fill your spot. (as per the SOP's). You are responsible for your duty slot, regardless if you are a probationary member, dispatcher, EMT or Driver.

These situations apply to all members, probationary and badge, call-in to interim. When you commit to a slot or to help out someone, please do it. You are giving your word that you will help them out. Should you have any questions in regard's to these requests, please see a Chief.

On behalf of the Chiefs Office, Bill Froehlich Chief @ bsbra

Richard Veraldo: An Outstanding Member



Richard Veraldo has been a member Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance for 45 years.

He joined the core as a youth squad member at the age of 16 in May, of 1971. At first he joined solely because he was interested in driving a BSBRA vehicle that he saw while at a Memorial Day parade. Of course now Richard is an active member to give back to the community and for the rush of saving lives. Richard feels that. "Being a member of youth squad is a good way to learn and a good to move up and progress. It sets you up to be a leader and to make this place better because there is always a way to make things better." He also feel that youth squad is "a great way for the kids to come up through the ranks." Richard himself was a captain for 5 terms and was on the Board of Directors for 2 terms. After being a member of the core for 45 years and serving in a position of power for a total of 7 terms Richard has gained careful insight on the infrastructure of the organization. Richard feels that sometimes "people don't realize the amount of responsibility that is put on the captains." They may be strict sometimes but "they work to better the organization. There is a lot to being a captain that not everybody realizes." As a senior member Richard feels his duty is "to help by the guidance that he can give from past knowledge." Some of the advice that Richard offers the organization is to keep up the moral in the building because a positive moral is key. He feels that the moral is currently pretty good. Richard says that there are always going to be groups that don't clique but you have to remember the purpose you are here and that is to help the person that called. We must over come differences in personalities and work together he stated.

In order to integrate the newer members and probationary members and make them feel more welcomed Richard thought it to be a good idea to have an event to bring us all together. He'd like to see a picnic between us and the other organizations in Suffolk. For example: lets say Sayville would bring the drinks, Bay Shore would do the cooking, Exchange could provide the entertainment, Brentwood could make up a scavenger hunt for the kids. It would be ideal for each group to handle a certain part of the picnic this way all organizations are involved. Richard said, "This picnic would benefit everyone because whenever we got a call, the year all of the fires were breaking out, we were meeting up with members of organizations and if we have this we would know the people on scene and it could improve how we work together and it could also serve to decrease the animosity between towns." Richard mentioned that even a situation where there is coffee and cake at the building would do. Of course everyone would be invited. This would allow the newer members to talk to the guys that have been around a while. The seniors could "talk to them and pick their brains apart."

The organization has advance in medicine and membership. Back in the 1980s women EMTs were not very popular. In fact they were rare. It was seen as a mans job to volunteer time as a first responder. As the segregation between sexes diminished women started joining the core. Richard said it was weird at first. "You cold be harsh and bash like men usually are they had to watch what they said and how they said it. It made them polite." Richard thinks that women joining the core improved patient care. The women kept the men in check and they were more conscious of treating the patients with manners. Doing CPR in the back of a Cadillac was the newest thing when Richard joined. They didn't have the jaws of life or any of the mechanical instruments that assist us now. The EMS has gone from taking one manual BP en route to the hospital to taking multiple BPs on an automatic instrument. Technology is constantly improving and we are constantly evolving.



The youth Squad newsletter committee for Signal 19

-Kayla Corsini



ALS ANNOUNCEMENT

1. We will be transitioning from combi-tubes to King airways as of January 1st. Please familiarize yourself with the devices. YouTube has some informative videos on the utilization of the tubes. There is also a step by step instructional in the appendices of the Suffolk County ALS protocols.
2. The King Vision laryngoscope is in service and is stored on the medic vehicle. It is the intention to outfit all of the ambulances and ALS responders with this equipment in the near future. All ALS providers must be in-serviced and signed off on the device. There are different techniques required to properly utilize this equipment, as opposed to standard intubation practices. Please see me to go over the equipment at your convenience, The training should take no more than 10-15 minutes.
3. I am awaiting final approval from NYSDOH and the BNE (Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement) to add Fentanyl to our Controlled Substance formulary. The goal was to have this onboard by the New Year. Once again, all ALS members will need to be in-serviced and signed off to use Fentanyl. I am working on dates with our agency medical director, Dr. Brian Blaustein, to do our initial training in-servicing. Dates will be announced and posted.
4. There is a possibility that BSBRA will be one of the pilot program agencies for the use of RSI (Rapid Sequence Intubation). This is in the initial phases. Jason Hoffman and I will be working closely with Dr. Blaustein to see this through.
5. Just a quick reminder about Nitroglycerin. Last year we switched from the nitro spray to the sublingual tabs. If the cap on the bottle is taped over, then it has not yet been opened. If you are the first to open a bottle, please write the date on the label of the bottle. These tablets only have a shelf-life of 6 months once opened, so we must be prudent in switching them out once that time frame expires.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

As always, if you have any questions or need to set up an in-servicing time, please feel free to call.

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BSBRA January 2015 Calendar

DESCRIPTION	PLACE	TIME	DAY	MONTH	DATE	YEAR
GENERAL MEETING	HQ	2000 hours	Monday	January	5th	2015
EVOC TRAINING Classroom training First come, First serve.	HQ	1900 hours classroom	Wednesday	January	14th	2015
EVOC TRAINING Driving training	BS	1000 hours Field test	Saturday	January	17th	2015

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Program	Term	Days	Times	NYS Course#	Reg. End	Orie.	Start	State Date
EMT Original 2015-1	Spring	M,T,W	6-10pm	185035	01/16/15	02/02/15	02/04/15	05/21/15
EMT Original 2015-2	Summer	M,T,W,T	6-10pm	185036	05/06/15	05/20/15	05/27/15	08/20/15
EMT Original 2015-3	Fall	M,T,W	6-10pm	185037	08/12/15	08/26/15	09/02/15	12/17/15

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Program	Term	Days	Times	NYS Course#	Reg. End	Start	State Date
EMTR 2015-1	Spring	Saturday	9a-5p	185041	12/22/14	01/03/15	03/19/15
EMTR 2015-2	Summer	Saturday	9a-5p	185045	05/26/15	06/06/15	08/20/15
EMTR 2015-3	Fall	Saturday	9a-5p	185044	08/17/15	08/29/15	11/19/15

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Program	Term	Days	Times	NYS Course#	Reg. End	Start	State Date
MR 2015-1 Core CME	Spring	Monday	9a-5p	185042 Pending	12/22/14	01/05/15	04/16/15
MR 2015-2 Core CME	Summer	Tuesday	9a-5p	185043 Pending	03/31/15	04/14/14	07/16/15
MR 2015-3 Core CME	Fall	Saturday	9a-5p	185046 Pending	08/03/15	08/15/15	11/19/15

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POC 17 Paramedic Basic	Fall, Spring, Summer	Mon/Wed	9a-5p	186000	02/18/15	03/04/15 & 03/18/15	04/08/15	03/17/16

Good & Welfare



It's with deep regret to announce the passing of James Oliveri, father of Cassandra Oliveri. On behalf of the Chiefs office, Officers and entire membership our deepest condolences goes out to the Oliveri Family.



The Chiefs office would like to congratulate William and Alexandra Froehlich on the birth of their first baby, William Scott, born 12/16/2014 at 1404 hrs. A healthy 6 lbs. 4oz

We also would like to congratulate Amber Rodriguez on the birth of their first baby, Irys Johanna Jardon born on December 12/23/14 at 2136 hours weighing at exactly 7 pounds.



The Chiefs office would like to congratulate Aaron Pellman-Isaacs and Ian Irwin on becoming a cleared EMTs within the department. Congrats!!

BIRTHDAYS



BAY SHORE- BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE

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"If any officer wants to add any information in the next edition of "Signal19"

Please email us at signal19@bsbra.org

JANUARY'S BIRTHDAYS

- ▶ 01/04 Steve Fishman
- ▶ 01/07 William Lutz
- ▶ 01/11 Anthony Seymore
- ▶ 01/15 Matt Phillips
- ▶ 01/17 April Johnson
- ▶ 01/18 Bryan Dalba
- ▶ 01/18 James Guililand
- ▶ 01/20 Jared Kelbick
- ▶ 01/24 Michelle Miller
- ▶ 01/26 Janelle Hopkins
- ▶ 01/27 Jason Hoffman

May you enjoy it,
from all of us here at
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-John & Julie Martinez, editors of Signal19 @ BSBRA