



BSBRA SIGNAL 19

“and the following messages”



WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Let the world always remember, That fateful day in September,
And the ones who answered duty's call, Should be remembered by us all.

Who left the comfort of their home, To face perils as yet unknown,
An embodiment of goodness on a day, When men's hearts had gone astray.

Sons and daughters like me and you, Who never questioned what they had to do,
Who by example, were a source of hope, And strength to others who could not cope.

Heroes that would not turn their back, With determination that would not crack,
Who bound together in their ranks, And asking not a word of thanks.

Men who bravely gave their lives, Whose orphaned kids and widowed wives,
Can proudly look back on their dad, Who gave this country all they had.

Actions taken without regret, Heroisms we shall never forget,
The ones who paid the ultimate price, Let's never forget their sacrifice.

And never forget the ones no longer here, Who fought for the freedoms we all hold dear,
And may their memory never wane, Lest their sacrifices be in vain.

Alan W. Jankowski

1st Assistant Chief Felix Rodriguez # 31



I want to thank the membership for another successful month, calls are getting out and the bldg. is being kept clean.

I would like to thank everyone who is able to sign up for these standbys, the chiefs office greatly appreciates all the help. We are in need for help on the football standby. The 3-24-19 has returned to service and 3-24-20 will be out of service for some time.

School is in progress PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.

Thank you to all got it ready for us.

Keep up the good work and as always our doors are open for any questions or concerns.

-Felix Rodriguez 1st Assistant Chief @ BSBRA

Captain's Reports



MONDAY Dana Dequatro #51

Hey Everyone, A while back Chief Guszack was explaining to me that everyone puts in 100 percent effort and although each persons' 100 percent may be different, it is still 100 percent. Over the past month I have begun to fully realize the wisdom of his words. For example, a call comes in, the dispatcher relays the times and logs in the call, that is his or her 100%. The driver gets the crew and patient safely to the destination, that is their 100%. The EMT techs the call and writes the PCR, that is their 100%. If ALS is needed, the ALS provider performs his or her assessments and interventions and that is their 100%. Any probationary members or observers help out the crew and observe and learn from what is going on around them, that is their 100%. Nobody's 100% is better or worse than anyone else's...it's just different. I do not want any member to feel like they are not good enough or not doing enough. Whether you are a chief or probie, we all have a common goal and that goal is to provide the best care possible for the patient. Every member of this department is a valuable commodity. Every member of this department is a valuable commodity performing an invaluable service to the communities of Bay Shore and Brightwaters. Keep up the fantastic work. Stay Safe.

*Dana Dequatro Captain #51 * ddequatro@bsbra.org*



WEDNESDAY John Martinez #53

I want to start this final report as a captain by thanking the countless amount of volunteers that helped me these last 2 years; without your countless hours of service to the department this could not have been possible. Your willingness to be here and make Wednesdays a success could never be forgotten. Keep up the great job and always remember that the rewards of saving lives as a volunteer is more gratifying than when you make it a paying job!

Please do your rig checks. It is very important to make sure that the patient gets what he or she needs in a crucial moment. Help your captains as much as you can, this is a very hard position and he or she is going to need your cooperation.

Keep the building clean; remember this is your second home!

For those who voted this in this years elections, thank you for making this process a great democratic event for this department.

I will be around, if you need help with anything at all please do not hesitate to call me, it will be my pleasure to help you!

Again THANK YOU!

LETS HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

*John Martinez Captain #53 * jmartinez@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 can't 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, Felix Rodriguez 1st Assistant Chief @ bsbra

BSBRA BOD

Greetings from the Board of Directors;

We would like to start by acknowledging the great job to the membership for another successful month. Thanks to all who have been pulling extra duty and assisting on the standby's. The summer is extremely hard on our membership simply because of our lives outside of BSBRA.

We would also like to remind all drivers of the organization to always use extreme caution while driving our vehicles in both an emergency sense as well as non-emergency, When driving, you are ultimately driving a billboard. The community watches and reports things that they see. While driving lights and sirens remember that **YOU DO NOT HAVE THE DEFINITE RIGHT OF WAY**. You must stop at all signs and lights, then proceed with caution. Failure to do so **MAY** result in an accident as well as injuries.

Finally, there are some house keeping rules to address:

- We are a non smoking campus, all smokers must take it to the curb.
- Change of addresses or beneficiaries must be reported to the Chiefs and BOD respectfully, in a timely manner.
- Be safe out there. Watch each others back and remember that the goal for all members is to sign out at the end of each tour.

Keep up the great work!

The Board of Directors

2015 ELECTION RESULTS

Position of Chief

66 Total Votes 1 Abstain 65 Valid Votes Majority Required = 33 Votes
Gerald Guszack 33 Yes 32 No

Position of 1st Assistant Chief

66 Total Votes 0 Abstain 66 Valid Votes Majority Required = 34 Votes
Felix Rodriguez 66 Yes 0 No

Position of 2nd Assistant Chief

66 Total Votes 1 Abstain 65 Valid Votes Majority Required = 33 Votes
Noah Fish 23 Yes 42 No
Kerri Paoletti 20 Yes 45 No
John Martinez 15 Yes 50 No

POSITION IS OPEN

Position of 3rd Assistant Chief

66 Total Votes 1 Abstain 65 Valid Votes Majority Required = 33 Votes
David Kwok 18 Yes 47 No
April Kunz 41 Yes 24 No

Position of Captain

66 Total Votes 0 Abstain, 66 Valid Votes Majority Required = 34 Votes
Douglas Heftner 33 Yes 33 No
Dana DeQuatro 40 Yes 26 No
Brian Dalba 27 Yes 39 No
John Messing 44 Yes 22 No
Vicky Weis 29 Yes 37 No
Brian Dufour 43 Yes 23 No
Joseph Frisina 58 Yes 8 No
Alex Mullin 45 Yes 21 No
William Lutz 25 Yes 41 No

2 POSITIONS ARE OPEN

Position of Company Secretary

66 Total Votes 0 Abstain, 66 Valid Votes Majority Required = 34 Votes
Mary Dolan 13 Yes 53 No
Tania Harrington 9 Yes 53 No
Dana Lagala 36 Yes 30 No
Christi Timmers 6 Yes 60 No

Position of Supervisor of Dispatch

66 Total Votes 3 Abstain, 63 Valid Votes Majority Required = 32 Votes
Joe Kwok 42 Yes 21 No

Position of Company Treasurer

66 Total Votes 3 Abstain, 63 Valid Votes Majority Required = 32 Votes
Jen Davis 62 Yes 1 No

FELIX RODRIGUEZ: An Outstanding Member



Felix Rodriguez has been a member at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance for 8 years. Felix previously held the positions of being the 3rd assistant Chief, and a Captain for the Sunday Crews for 2 years. However he is Currently the 1st Assistant Chief; meaning he is 2nd in Command, making him in charge of the members and he also makes sure that the Stand-By's, are covered. Felix wanted to take the position of 1st Assistant Chief because he wanted to be more involved with the operations, and the membership. Goals Felix has set for himself for his future here at BSBRA is to eventually become Chief, and to become a Life Member. Felix says. "[he] wants to keep the organization moving forward."

The reason Felix wanted to join BSBRA was because he says. "[he] saw someone get ran over in Bay Shore and the person lost his leg. [He] saw this happen before [he] even joined BSBRA, but [he] helped the person and [he] thought it was really cool saving someone."

Felix points out that his favorite part about BSBRA is the members, because he says. "they are the ones who make the department." He also added that his favorite part is also being able to help someone in need. Some of Felix's proudest moments from his 8 years at BSBRA are his CPR saves, when he was elected Captain, the Installation Dinners, when he became Chief and finally when the BSBRA's Youth Squad won all the awards this past year at States.

Advice Felix would give to someone wanting to become an EMT is "it's a very rewarding thing, you get the chance to make a difference in someone's life."

If Felix had the ability to change something about EMS in general it would be the pay for the people who do this for a living because it isn't the best. He also adds "EMT's are put in difficult and dangerous situations so the pay should equal what they do."

When Felix first joined BSBRA his first thoughts were "I hope it,s going to be fun, what do I have to do? and I hope to learn something." However, his thoughts now are that it is a lot of fun, and rewarding. He also adds; "[he] always went on Sundays, and it was always fun, and [he] learned a lot from the crews."

Felix says; "there are so many calls that [he] would say are 'most memorable' that [he] can't just pick one, however there aren't any good calls because if something good happened they wouldn't be calling for an ambulance. But the calls [he'd] consider 'good' are the Cardiac Arrest Saves, but [his] worst calls were when a little girl was raped and when a person wanted to commit suicide so the guy shot himself in the head."

Changes Felix is willing to make to the department is for the membership to become in-sync, and to see them have fun.

But at the end of the day Felix says, "Hard work always pays off at the end and it is great seeing people thanking you and seeing them do better, but keep up the good work everyone, it's a great place."



Samantha Jones

The youth Squad
newsletter reporter

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BSBRA September Calendar

09/07/15 LABOR DAY Holiday Tour	Monday / Sep. 7th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 0000-2400 hours
09/11/15 ELECTION DAY	Friday / Sep 11th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 0900-2100 hours
09/14/15 GENERAL MEETING	Monday / Sep.14th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 2000 hours
09/16/15 SCCA MEETING	Wednesday / Sep. 16th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
09/18/15 OFFICERS MEETING	Friday / Sep. 18th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 1930 hours
09/22/15 IACA MEETING	Tuesday / Sep. 22nd / 2015	@: HQ	@ 1930 hours
09/28/15 BOD MEETING	Monday / Sep. 28th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 2000 hours



BSBRA CPR TRAINING

2015 Community CPR Dates

Bay Shore-Brightwaters Ambulance Building 10:am Free of charge.

Jan. 17th

Mar. 28th

May 16th

Jul. 18th

Sep. 19th

Nov. 14th



Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance

Halloween Monster Mash
Costume Bash and Murder Mystery
Dinner Show

Saturday, October 31, 2015 7pm-11pm

911 Aletta Place Bay Shore

Tickets are \$45 & can be purchased through
<http://bsbra.org/events.html> or 631-666-0635



BSBRA Annual Youth Squad 2015 Thanksgiving Food Drive

**FEEDING FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
PLEASE DONATE ANY CAN GOODS
OR NONPERISHABLE ITEMS**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS IN THE YOUTH SQUAD TRAINING ROOM
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FALL 2015 EMS COURSE OFFERINGS —Pre-registration Required—

Course Name	Location	Days	Time From / Time To	Start Date	NYS Written Exam
EMT Challenge Refresher	NCEMSA	Tuesday & Thursday	9 AM – Noon	9/8/2015	11/19/2015
EMT Challenge Refresher	NCEMSA	Tuesday & Thursday	7 PM – 10 PM	9/8/2015	11/19/2015
EMT Challenge Refresher	NCEMSA	Monday & Wednesday	9 AM – Noon	9/28/2015	12/17/2015
EMT Challenge Refresher	Levittown FD HQ 120 Gardiner Ave Levittown, NY 11756	Monday & Wednesday	7 PM – 10 PM	9/28/2015	12/17/2015
EMT Original	NCEMSA	Saturdays	9 AM – Noon 1 PM – 4 PM	9/5/2015	3/17/2016
EMT Original	NCEMSA	Monday & Wednesday	7 PM – 10 PM	9/30/2015	3/17/2016
EMT Original	Oyster Bay Fire Co. #1 188 South St Oyster Bay, NY 11771	Monday & Wednesday	7 PM – 10 PM	9/30/2015	3/17/2016
EMT Original	NCEMSA	Tuesday & Thursday	9 AM – Noon	10/13/2015	3/17/2016
EMT Original	NCEMSA	Tuesday & Thursday	7 PM – 10 PM	10/13/2015	3/17/2016
EMT Original	Great Neck Vigilant Fire Co 83 Cuttermill Rd Great Neck, NY 11021	Tuesday & Thursday	7 PM – 10 PM	10/13/2015	3/17/2016
EMT-CC Challenge Refresher	NCEMSA	Monday & Wednesday	9 AM – Noon	9/21/2015	1/21/2016
EMT-CC Challenge Refresher	NCEMSA	Monday & Wednesday	7 PM – 10 PM	9/21/2015	1/21/2016
EMT-CC Original	NCEMSA	Monday & Thursday	9 AM – Noon	9/17/2015	6/16/2016
EMT-CC Original	NCEMSA	Monday & Thursday	7 PM – 10 PM	9/17/2015	6/16/2016

TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE COURSES, OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FROM YOUR CHIEF OR THE EMS ACADEMY OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION CALL:

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BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 09/10.....Jonathan Friely
- 09/11.....Cameron Hayes
- 09/13.....Alex Mullin
- 09/15.....Karen Johnson
- 09/16.....Jacob Spiegel
- 09/19.....David Kwok
- 09/20.....Schuyler Hayward
- 09/24.....Jon Michel

May you enjoy it,
from all of us here at
BSBRA

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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



-John Martinez, editor of Signal19 @ BSBRA