



BSBRA SIGNAL 19

“and the following messages”



Halloween Facts

The word Halloween is an abbreviated version of the phrases All Hallows' Eve or All Hallows' Evening. Halloween comes from an ancient pagan festival celebrated by Celtic people over 2,000 years ago called Samhain (pronounced: SOW ehn).

The festival took place in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and northwestern France.

Samhain means "summer's end" and marks the beginning of winter. Samhain is also thought to celebrate the beginning of the Celtic year. The Celts believed that Samhain was a time when the dead could walk among the living.

Trick-or-treating began in areas of the United Kingdom and Ireland. People went house-to-house "Souling" asking for small breads called "soul cakes" in exchange for prayer.

Adults also went door-to-door asking for food and drinks in exchange for a song or dance.

Jack-o'-lanterns are the symbol of Halloween. People in Ireland and Scotland originally used beets or turnips as lanterns on Halloween.

An Irish legend says that jack-o'-lanterns are named for a man called Jack who could not go to heaven or hell and was forced to walk the earth forever with only a coal from hell to light his lantern.

The name jack-o'-lantern can also be derived from the night watchman who would light the street lanterns every evening.

Immigrants from Ireland and Scotland brought Halloween to the United States in the 1800s.

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

Ex 2nd Assistant Chief Brian Stevens: An Outstanding Member



Brian Stevens has been a member at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance since 2005. Brian first joined BSBRA as a Youth Squad Member. He became a dispatcher in 2006, a student member in 2007, and a regular member in 2008.

Brian joined Youth Squad because his friend joined, he says "it was something to do on Saturday's, and I really enjoyed it." But when he became a regular member he says he was shy and quiet. He also points out that, "[he] was very interested in helping people and going on calls, and it was a great experience."

Brian works as an EMT at the Central Islip/ Hauppauge Ambulance, and he's also works as a dispatcher at the Brentwood Ambulance.

This past year, Brian was the 2nd Assistant Chief. Brian says he wanted to become 2nd Assistant Chief because, "the training is what [he] is best at." He also adds, "[he] liked the idea of helping new people, because they are the future here in this organization." Previously, Brian held the position of Captain for the Wednesday Crew from 2012-2013 making it a totally of 2 terms as a Captain.

Although Brian is stepping down from 2nd Assistant Chief, his goals for his future here at BSBRA he says are, "to keep helping new people and to always take them in and train them." He also adds, "since [he is] becoming a regular member [he] wants to be more active in membership."

Advice he would give to someone wanting to join BSBRA is to "come in and be outgoing, be ready to learn because you'll learn a lot, and don't be shy people want to see that you want to learn." However, advice he would give to someone wanting to become an EMT is to "break out of your shell, because you are going to have to interact and deal with people in their worst state of mind."

If Brian had the ability to change something about EMS in general he'd change how to make the volunteering system more strict, regulating who gets to the call quicker and to have more crews available for calls. But some changes he'd like to make to the department is "[he'd] like to see people take more responsibility and pride, it's not low but it can be improved."

One of Brian's most memorable calls were when he was a Wednesday Captain and the crew got 2 Cardiac Arrest in one day and both patients got a pulse back, and the traumatic arrest and Car/Motorcycle Accidents.

His favorite things about BSBRA is going on calls and helping people, and how everyone interacts with each other like a family. Some of his proudest moments here at BSBRA were when he was in Youth Squad and his team and himself won First Place at States, also 2 years ago when he was Captain and his Wednesday Night Crew won "Crew Of The Year", and the Cardiac Arrest "saves".

But overall Brian says, "as outgoing Chief I'd like to say thank you to everyone for making my experience awesome and keep up the good work. My 10 years as a member, I've always enjoyed coming down here."

Samantha Jones

The youth Squad
newsletter reporter



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2015 OFFICERS ELECTION RESULTS

Position of Chief
Gerald Guszack

Position of 1st Assistant Chief
Felix Rodriguez

Position of 2nd Assistant Chief
Appointed Chief
Joseph Frisina

Position of 3rd Assistant Chief
April Kunz

Position of Captain
Dana DeQuatro (Mondays)
(Tuesday is an open position)
(Wednesday is an open position)
Alex Mullin (Thursday)
John Messing (Friday)
(Saturday is an open position)
Brian Dufour (Sunday)

Position of Company Secretary
Dana Lagala

Position of Supervisor of Dispatch
Joe Kwok

Position of Company Treasurer
Jen Davis

BSBRA October's Calendar

10/03/15 ENTENMANN'S RUN	Saturday / Oct. 3rd / 2015	@: Bay Shore	@ TBA
10/04/15 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE	Sunday / Oct. 4th / 2015	@: BSFD	@ 0900 hours
10/15/15 SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION 2nd SKILLS SESSION	Thursday / Oct. 15th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 2030 hours
10/15/15 SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION 1ST SKILLS SESSION	Thursday / Oct. 15th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
10/16/15 SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION 2nd SKILLS SESSION	Friday / Oct. 16th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 2030 hours
10/16/15 SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION 1st SKILLS SESSION	Friday / Oct. 16th / 2015	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
10/22/15 SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION 2nd SKILLS SESSION	Friday / Oct. 22nd / 2015	@: HQ	@ 2030 hours
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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
STARTING NOW UNTIL NOV, 21st 2014**

Thank you!!

For any information, please call John Martinez (631)418-6053

**BAY SHORE - BRIGHTWATERS
RESCUE AMBULANCE, INC.**



**WELCOME TO BSBRA
1ST ANNUAL EMS
YOUTH SQUAD TOURNAMENT**



**2 PROBLEMS, 20 MIN EACH
TEAMS COMPEATING FOR
1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE**

**Saturday, Dec. 5th 2015 * Time: 1800 hours
Place: 911 Aletta Pl. Bay Shore Ny 11706**

**For any information please call
John Martinez (631)418 6053
Anthony garcia (631)666-5600**

SC 2150318 *All students MUST attend the first day of class. No exceptions, no accommodations!*

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, EMS DIVISION

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Original Course

LOCATION: Gordon Heights Fire Dept., 23 Hawkins Ave., Medford, NY 11763 INSTRUCTORS: William DeBono

DATES: 12/2/15 to 6/16/16 SKILLS FINAL: *Approx. Sat. 6/4/16* 8:30am SC EMS Division, Yaphank

DAYS/TIMES: Wednesdays and Fridays 7pm to 10pm-11pm & WRITTEN FINAL: 6/16/16 (Thurs.7 pm)
2 Saturday's 9am to 4pm (4/30/16 & 5/21/16)

STUDENTS MUST BE 18 YRS OLD BY THE MONTH OF THE NYS WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

FEE: \$130.00 for EMS Personnel \$905.00 for NON EMS (\$20 additional charge for printed paperwork, read below)

Students must have their own b/p cuff, stethoscope, notepads and writing tools. **** No walk in students will be allowed****

Pre-requisites: FEMA NIMS 100, NIMS 700 and HazMat Awareness – OSHA Compliant minimum 3 hours. (FEMA links will be emailed to students with the confirmation email, if students haven't already taken those classes.) Firefighter 1 AFTER 2003 will count for HazMat Awareness, must show proof. (All HazMat Awareness classes MUST have been taken after 9 11 to count.) Copies of certificates must be handed in to the instructor within the first month of the course.

To reserve seating for this course: Complete this form with check(s)/money order(s) payable to the Suffolk County EMS Division (please postdate check(s)/money order(s) to the start date of the course). Please mail to: Suffolk County EMS Division, 360 Yaphank Ave., Suite 1B, Yaphank, NY 11980, Attn: EMT Courses. Per County Resolution #968-1997, there will be an additional \$25 fee added to the cost of the course for any checks returned with notice of "insufficient funds." **NO SEATS WILL BE HELD UNLESS FULL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

Please note: Forms will be returned if incomplete, illegible, or if the course is full or canceled. **No seats will be held unless the registration process is complete.** You will receive a confirmation email. Please make sure you include your email address in the box below. If you do not have an email address, please make sure your mailing address is listed on the check. You will receive a confirmation letter in the mail. Enrollment is first come, first served.

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EMT-Basic Original Course
Gordon Heights Fire Department

CORPS/DEPT: _____ NYS EMS AGENCY CODE #: _____

NAME (print or type)	Computer Access? Y/N	Email Address
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Officer (Print Name) _____ Date _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Phone # (daytime) _____

SC 2150316 *All students MUST attend the first day of class. No exceptions, no accommodations!*

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, EMS DIVISION

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Original Course

LOCATION: Southold Fire Dept., Station 2, Baywater Ave., Southold, NY 11971 INSTRUCTORS: Michael Richter

DATES: 12/9/15 to 6/16/16 SKILLS FINAL: *Approx. Sat. 6/4/16 8:30am* SC EMS Division, Yaphank

DAYS/TIMES: Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm to 10pm-11pm & WRITTEN FINAL: 6/16/16 (Thurs.7 pm)
6 Saturday's 9am to 3:30pm (1/9/16, 2/6/16, 2/27/16, 3/19/16, 4/16/16 & 5/7/16)

STUDENTS MUST BE 18 YRS OLD BY THE MONTH OF THE NYS WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

FEE: \$130.00 for EMS Personnel \$905.00 for NON EMS (\$20 additional charge for printed paperwork, read below)

Students must have their own b/p cuff, stethoscope, notepads and writing tools. **** No walk in students will be allowed****

Pre-requisites: FEMA NIMS 100, NIMS 700 and HazMat Awareness – OSHA Compliant minimum 3 hours. (FEMA links will be emailed to students with the confirmation email, if students haven't already taken those classes.) Firefighter 1 **AFTER** 2003 will count for HazMat Awareness, must show proof. (All HazMat Awareness classes **MUST** have been taken after 9 11 to count.) Copies of certificates must be handed in to the instructor within the first month of the course.

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EMT-Basic Original Course
Southold Fire Department – Station 2

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Signature _____ Phone # (daytime) _____

SC 2150901 *All students MUST attend the first day of class. No exceptions, no accommodations!*

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, EMS DIVISION

EMT-Critical Care Refresher Course

LOCATION: Bay Shore-Brightwaters Amb., 911 Aletta Place, Bay Shore, NY 11706 INSTRUCTOR: Dina Wayrich

DATES: 10/13/15 to 1/21/16 TIMES: Tuesdays 7pm to 10pm-11pm AND Sundays 8am to 2:30pm
First day, 10/13/15, the course will start at 6pm.

Challenge Practical: Saturday 10/24/15 8:30am at the Suffolk County EMS Division, 360 Yaphank Ave., Suite 1B, Yaphank, NY 11980 The first day of class students will register for the Challenge Practical Exam.

SKILLS FINAL: *Approx. Sat. 1/9/16* at SC EMS Academy, Yaphank WRITTEN FINAL: 1/21/16 (Thurs.7 PM)

FEE: ~~\$200.00~~ for EMS Personnel \$1,025.00 for NON EMS **(\$20 additional charge for printed paperwork)**

Students must have their own stethoscope, notepads and writing tools. **** No walk in students will be allowed****

Pre-requisites: FEMA NIMS 100, NIMS 700 and HazMat Awareness – OSHA Compliant minimum 3 hours. (FEMA links will be emailed to students with the confirmation email, if students haven't already taken those classes.) Firefighter 1 AFTER 2003 will count for HazMat Awareness, must show proof. (All HazMat Awareness classes MUST have been taken after 9 11 to count.) Copies of certificates must be handed in to the instructor within the first month of the course.

****If you have completed the 13 hours of Supplemental Sessions and you can show proof, you do not have to sit for those classes during the course. Please submit proof when you send in the course application and check. Proof MUST be submitted at the same time as registration. No exceptions!****

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EMT-Critical Care Refresher Course
Bay Shore-Brightwaters Ambulance

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BIRTHDAYS



BAY SHORE- BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE

911 Aletta Place. Bay Shore, NY 11706

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Please email us at signal19@bsbra.org*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/02.....Ana Vargas
- 10/05.....Gerard Corsini
- 10/08.....Robin Jacob
- 10/10.....Andrew Papadimitropoulos
- 10/10.....Ray Ruiz
- 10/11.....Gerald Guszack
- 10/11.....Justin Martir
- 10/11.....Kaitlyn Deutsch
- 10/13.....Chris Doughty
- 10/15.....Jessica Callard
- 10/17.....Mitch Margulies
- 10/21.....Dana Fudge
- 10/29.....Andrea Gomez
- 10/29.....Darrien Bott
- 10/30.....Jim Nelson
- 10/31.....Diana Cairo
- 10/31.....Rich Veraldo

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