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Happy Mother's Day

# BSBRA SIGNAL 19

“and the following messages”

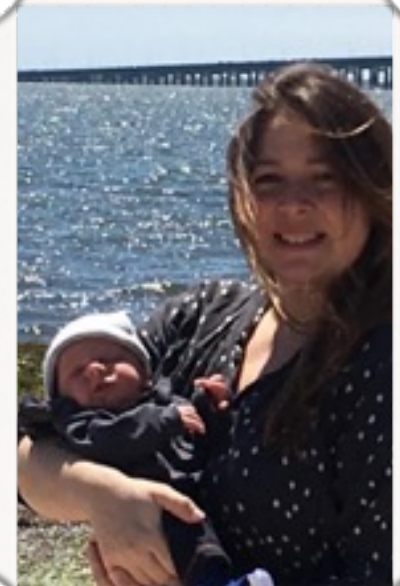


## *So Blessed by You, Mom*



Gerald Guszack Jr.

*A mother who always cares,  
A mother who's always there.  
A mother who always prays,  
A mother who always stays.  
When things get rough,  
When life gets tough,  
When all is just too much to bear,  
God's Word she shares.  
God's light she shines.  
So blessed God made this mother mine.  
Happy Mother's Day, 2016.*



Brogan Kyle Schaefer

# Chief Felix Rodriguez # 30



Hello all,

Once again Congratulations to the entire membership for winning Agency of the Year and the Excellence in Safety and Quality award which is seldom given out. This award is based on our training, clearing policies, QA/QI, and Field Training which is in direct reflection of the dedication to our training and QA/QI Committees under the leadership of Chief Frisina. These awards are a direct reflection of the dedication of the entire membership. And it's well deserved.

Please keep in mind to attend your trainings, attend the general meetings, do your committee work and show up for your duty slot, you do this month in month out and you will have a very successful and fun time here. Today we went to show our support for our fallen brother and the turnout of support was less than average. BLA and us were the only agency there from the volunteer sector. I want to thank the members that went, it meant a lot to the family that we took time out to go and show our support.

As always, please be mindful of your surroundings when engaging on conversations that may not be appropriate to other people. Remember we have Student members, youth squad members and youth squad dispatchers during most of the daytime hours on any given day.

My door is always open to chat.

As always, Great work everyone and please sign in

Felix Rodriguez  
Chief of Department  
Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance

# 1st Assistant Chief Joseph Frisina # 31



Good Evening,

May's training will be on the Check and Inject epinephrine kits for BLS providers. As previously stated, 100 percent compliance is expected and required. Members who are not on an excusable leave of absence are required to attend one of the trainings below:

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1900 hours

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1900 hours

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1900 hours

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1900 hours

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1500 hours

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1900 hours

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1500 hours

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1200 hours

If you are unable to attend any of the dates above you MUST contact me ASAP. **Failure to complete this training WILL result in a loss of riding privileges.**

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Joe Frisina  
1st Assistant Chief  
Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance

# Captain's Reports



## MONDAY Dana Dequatro #51

Well, Hello Agency Of The Year!

The Chiefs from CIHVA wanted me to extend their congratulations to all of you saying, "Well deserved. Officers from SCPD 3rd pct and 4th pct also send their congratulations adding they "weren't surprised!" It is nice to be recognized for all our hard work and dedication and above all, our high standard of patient care. It is an honor and privilege being a member of Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance. We are a major league team that doesn't make millions or hit home runs out of the ballpark, we do something better we take care of people who are sick. We help people who are injured. We calm people who are scared. We save lives.

Stay Safe!

Dana DeQuatro 51



## TUESDAY Alex Mullin #52

Overall, Tuesdays are going fine. My only weak spot continues to be Tuesday overnight 0000 - 0600. It is usually just myself and the paid paramedic until the paid BLS comes in at 0600. The rest of the day is very well covered and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the crew chiefs and members on the day who make everything run like clockwork.

Alex Mullin 52



## WEDNESDAY CHARLES CHAPMAN #53

*Hello all!*

*Summer is coming and I want to bring back dodgeball, Kanjam, BBQ's, and GAME ROOM TOURNAMENTS.... ALL WELCOME FOR ALL! (if anyone has any ideas for fun activities to do as a group all are welcome!) Finally Your teamwork and dedication on getting these calls out DOES NOT go unnoticed by the officers and fellow members. I would like to thank everyone who has come down and pull hours, both those who ride on their duty slot and those who pull extra hours.*

*I'm always looking for extra help from 0000-1800. If you need to be driver trained, be precept on both the BLS or ALS Level, Please come hang out. I'll make sure to get you on a bus.*

*As always. Thank you again for your on-going help, support and your commitment to this organization!*

Charles Chapman 53



## THURSDAY KERRY PAOLETTI #54

*Thursday's are going wonderfully! I would like to thank those of you who give your time to come down, and ensure the calls for help from the community are answered! I still need steady crews for the 0600-1800 tour! Yes, there are two paid personnel on duty. This does not mean that you cannot go on a call. We have always split crews, meaning that a volunteer can go on the call with a paid member. When you come into the building, make sure they know you are there, and intend on going on calls.*

*Probationary members, same thing for you, make sure they know you are there. Introduce yourself. We have some great paid staff members that you can learn a lot from, both at the ALS and BLS levels!*

*Finally, I would like to thank my crew chief's: Steve Cameron, Tim Preisinger, and Tina Mercado for being so reliable and holding it down so efficiently when I cannot be there!*

*Be safe, and watch each other's backs!*

*Respectfully,*

Kerry Paoletti 54





## FRIDAY JOHN MESSING #55

Hello everyone

Thank you for all the help that everyone has so generously helped me out. Please make sure that rig checks are being done and done completely. Please also clean up after yourself. Also sherwood has made it clear that he will be writing for any type of infractions including the captains chairs facing towards the rear of the ambulance at all times and it locked in place. Everyone keep up the good work and remember we need help for the upcoming fundraising event

*Respectfully,*

John Messing 55



## SATURDAY NOAH FISCH #56

*Thank you today everyone that has been coming down to help out. It is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to everyone on the hard work that has helped us become agency of the year! Your hard work and dedication to the department is phenomenal.*

*Please remember to do your rig checks at the start of your tour and report any deficiencies to the Captain of the day. Please also make sure that you clean up during your tour. Building cleanliness is every members responsibility. Keep up the terrific work!*

*Respectfully,*

Noah Fisch 56



## SUNDAY BRYAN DUFOUR #50

*To membership,*

*Sunday is going well.*

*Looking for an emt/driver from midnight to 6 shift and also looking for a driver from 6am to noon. I normally come in around 9ish, so any help will be greatly appreciated.*

*Finally, i want give thanks to members that stop by during their busy lives to give a helping hand when it needed or just to be an extra crew, either way thank you... you know who you are...*

*Respectfully,*

Bryan Dufour #50

# 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



# BOD Michele Guszack: An Outstanding Member



Michele Guszack had been a member at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance since 2006 making her a member for 10 years. Positions Michele has held are Crew Chief and Captain. Michele works per DIEM at Central Islip - Hauppauge Ambulance. She also works at Southside Hospital as a Nursing Assisting in the Emergency Department.

Michele joined BSBRA because her friend Jami convinced her to come observe one Sunday and she was hooked ever since. Her first thoughts while joining here was she was excited and eager to learn. Michele's favorite part about going on calls is being able to help someone in their time of need.

One of Michele's proudest moments was when the department won Agency Of The Year in 2008/2009. Goals she would like to achieve in her future here at BSBRA are, "Continue to move in the direction we are headed and increase communication."

Advice she would give to someone wanting to join the department is to, "Learn as much as you can from as many people as you can, and don't be afraid to ask questions and admit when you don't know something."

Something she'd change about EMS in general is, "To have a better public understanding and recognition for what we do." Something she'd change about the department is, "The disconnect the people making decisions have from what is actually going on in the department."

Lessons Michele has learned is that, "Everyone's 100% is different but just as equally important.

I've also learned to never ask anyone to do something I'm not willing to do myself."

But at the end of the day Michele says, "I'd like to thank the department for being a second family and that I can't imagine what life would be like if I never joined 10 years ago."

*BSBRA*

*Would like to congratulate you & Gerald,*

*for the birth of your first son*

*"Gerald Guszack"*

*GOD Bless You!*



**Samantha Jones**

The youth Squad  
newsletter reporter

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# BSBRA July Calendar

05/02/16 <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>	Monday / May 2nd / 2016	@: HQ	@ 2000 hours
05/09/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Monday / May 9th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
05/14/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Friday / may 14th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
05/14/16 <b>BSBRA CRAFT FAIR</b> Rain Date May 21st	Saturday / May 14th / 2016	@: BSHS	@ 0900-1400 hours
05/17/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Tuesday / May 17th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
05/19/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Thursday / May 19th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
05/21/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Saturday / May 21st / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1500 hours
05/22/16 <b>YS PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER</b> All are invited	Sunday / May 22nd / 2016	@: HQ	@ 0900-1200 hours
05/25/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Wednesday / May 25th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1900 hours
05/28/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Saturday / May 28th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1500 hours
05/29/16 <b>EPI KITS FOR BLS</b> 100 percent compliance is expected and required.	Sunday / May 29th / 2016	@: HQ	@ 1200 hours
05/30/16 <b>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE</b> All are invited	Monday / May 30th / 2016	@: Main Street	@ TBA



*Bay Shore-Brightwaters  
Rescue Ambulance*

*Craft Fair*



*May 14, 2106*

*Rain date May 21, 2106*

*9am-4pm*

*75 Perkal St Bay Shore, NY*

*Chinese Auction*

*50/50 Raffle*

*Hands Only CPR*

*Vendor Information Contact:*

*Jackie 631-666-0635*

*Mary 631-229-5169*





**ANNUAL YOUTH SQUAD  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**



**Sunday May, 22nd 2016**  
911 Aletta Place, bay Shore NY 11706  
Starting at 9:00 am - 12:Noon

**PANCAKES WITH TOPPINGS, SAUSAGE, BACON  
ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE  
(Chinese Auction)**

**ADULTS: \$ 10 (11 years old & up)**  
**CHILDREN: \$ 8 (10 years old & under)**

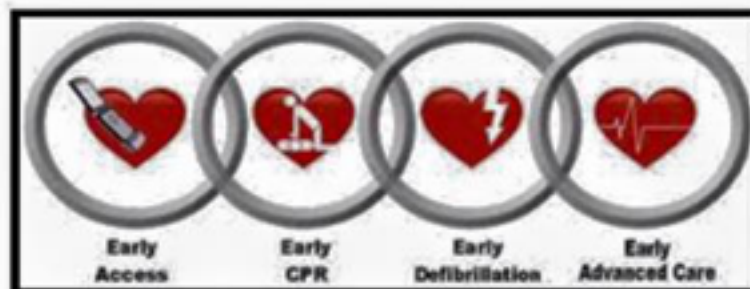
**For any information please call John Martinez @ (631)418-6053**



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Bay Shore - Brighwaters Rescue Ambulance, Inc.

# 2016 Community CPR Program



This FREE course offers Adult, Child and Infant CPR and AED Use. No experience is necessary and this course is intended for individuals with limited or no medical background. Space is limited and all classes will be held at 10 am, at our HQ located at: 911 Aletta Place, Bay Shore NY 11706.

· **January 30th** · **March 26th** · **May 21th** · **July 30th** · **September 24th** · **November 19th** ·

Please pre-register on our website: <http://www.bsbra.org> or via email: [CPR@BSBRA.org](mailto:CPR@BSBRA.org)

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MetLife's Legal Affairs Volunteer Committee, in collaboration with the law firm K&L Gates LLP and Firemen's Association of the State of New York, is proud to sponsor,

**W.I.L.L.S.**

## Working to Instill Life-Long Security event

A one-day **FREE** Wills preparation event for volunteer firefighters, EMS Providers, other first responders and veterans (and their spouses) to obtain simple Wills\*, Powers of Attorney, and Health Care Proxies.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM each appt. will be for 60 minutes	Community Ambulance Company 420 Lakeland Avenue Sayville, New York 11782

### KEY DATE

Please bring your completed questionnaire with you the day of the event or you may email it to [pcurran@metlife.com](mailto:pcurran@metlife.com) or fax to (212) 251-1599 by Friday, May 27, 2016

To guarantee your spot, please RSVP by Friday, May 27, 2016 to Pat Curran at [pcurran@metlife.com](mailto:pcurran@metlife.com) or (212)578-7487. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the event, however will be seen subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Need a Questionnaire? Please contact Pat Curran at [pcurran@metlife.com](mailto:pcurran@metlife.com) or (212)578-7487.



**MetLife**  
Legal Affairs Volunteer Committee

**GIVE BACK. GET INSPIRED!**

\*Please note that if you have assets totaling more than \$2 million, or wish to setup a trust, you will not qualify for a simple Will.

There will be no solicitation for MetLife Products at this event.



# SC 2160404 *All students MUST attend the first day of class. No exceptions, no accommodations!*

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, EMS DIVISION

## RAPID Daytime EMT-Basic Refresher Course

LOCATION: Community Ambulance Co., 420 Lakeland Ave., Sayville, NY 11782 INSTRUCTOR: Kevin Finn

All students MUST attend the course opening at 9am on 5/2/16 at the Suffolk County EMS Division, 360 Yaphank Avenue, Suite 1B, Yaphank, NY 11980. You will be completing the course opening, Suffolk County and New York State paperwork, and you will be taking the Challenge Written Exam. The skills portion of the Challenge Exam is optional and starts at 12:30pm.

**THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS WILL BE HELD AT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS DIVISION, YAPHANK!**

DATES: 5/2/16 to 7/21/16 SKILLS FINAL: *Approx. Sat. 5/14/16 at SC EMS Division, Yaphank*

DAYS/TIMES: Monday through Friday 9am to 3:30pm-5:30pm WRITTEN FINAL: 7/21/16 (Thurs. 7 pm)  
(Monday 5/2/16 – Friday 5/6/16 & Monday 5/9/16 – Friday 5/13/16)

FEE: \$100.00 for EMS Personnel \$555.00 for NON EMS

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 week 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.

**Please be advised,** the Suffolk County EMS Division will be handing out CDs with all of the New York State and Suffolk County policies, protocols and various other vital information.

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**RAPID Daytime EMT-Basic Refresher Course (NYS Written Exam July 21, 2016)**

Community Ambulance (First day, May 2, 2016, will be held at the Suffolk County EMS Division, Yaphank.)

CORPS/DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_ NYS EMS AGENCY CODE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & EMT # (print or type)	Email Address
1.	
2.	

This is to certify that the individuals identified above are members of this EMS Agency.

Officer (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_



**Suffolk**  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM**

## Fall 2016 EMT-B COURSES

**AMMERMAN CAMPUS**

Mon/Wed 6pm-1030pm 9/7/16

Tues/Thurs 8am-1230pm 8/30/16

Tues/Thurs 6pm-1030pm 9/6/16

**EASTERN CAMPUS**

Mon/Wed 5:30pm-1000pm 9/7/16

**GRANT CAMPUS**

Mon/Wed 6pm-1030pm 9/7/16

- DO YOU WANT TO BECOME CERTIFIED AS AN EMT?
- DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
- AS A VOLUNTEER EMS/FIRE PROVIDER YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR TUTION ASSISTANCE
- *LEARN AND TRAIN WITH EXCELLENT INSTRUCTORS!!*
- *TAKE THE NYS CERTFICATION EXAM IN January 2017!!*
- *SEATS ARE LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!!!!*

**Priority registration begins April 11, 2016!**

REGISTRATION AT [HTTP://WWW.SUNYSUFFOLK.EDU](http://www.sunysuffolk.edu)

OR CONTACT:

Matt Zukosky, MA, NREMT-P  
Emergency Medical Care Program Coordinator  
631-451-4678  
[zukoskm@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:zukoskm@sunysuffolk.edu)



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# BIRTHDAYS



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 05/03.....Jimmy Seibert
- 05/04.....Denise Jimenez
- 05/05.....Jesus Melgar
- 05/13.....Matthew Harris
- 05/17.....Amber Rodriguez
- 05/14.....Byron Gonzalez
- 05/19.....Schuyler Guzzo
- 05/20.....Austin Echhoff
- 05/20.....Joseph Badilla
- 05/29.....Douglas Hefter

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

## **BAY SHORE-BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE**

911 Aletta Place, Bay Shore, NY 11706

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

*Please email us at [signal19@bsbra.org](mailto:signal19@bsbra.org)*



*-John Martinez, editors of Signal19 @ BSBRA*