



St Patrick's

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

<http://www.history.com/videos/history-of-st-patricks-day>

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William Froehlich

BSBRA CHIEF

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Dear Members,

I would like to take a moment to thank the entire membership for the great job and hard work that has been demonstrated on a daily basis. To date, we are set to exceed last years call volume, an undertaking which obviously can not be achieved without the dedication of all the members. Your hard work does not go un-noticed by the Officers or by the Communities of Bay Shore and Brightwaters.

As Chief of Department, I have had the honor of representing Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance at our neighboring agencies installation dinners four different times this month. Never in my career at BSBRA have I felt such an honor. There is an unbelievable feeling that rushes over you when you speak on behalf of such a strong membership. This feeling is only superseded when any feedback you get from outside agencies or politicians is positive. This membership helps make my job a lot easier, and for that, I thank you all.

March brings us to the Bay Shore-Brightwaters annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The step off is at 1400hrs. All members are reminded to be at the building no later than 1200 hrs in Class "A" uniforms. For anyone that has not marched in this parade before, it's a great time to show the community who we are, and what we do. In the event that you do not have a uniform, please come down anyway. There are a lot of things that we will need help with that day. As always, we will host our annual St. Patrick's Day feast prepared by Jennifer Davis. The feast will be open to your friends and family, so please come on down, march, drink and be merry!

I would like to stress the importance of the General Excuse form. To date, we already have members who will not be able to vote in any general business, nor in the annual elections. The Chief's Office met and discussed the issue of accepting the General Excuse forms from October thru present. Our thought process was to create a fair and just way of getting everyone up to date. Due to our newly installed way of tracking the hours, we found that during the months of October and November, the Officers were unable to determine standings of members. After some tweaking, we were able to presume our normal business in the months of December and January. At that time, we noticed that as per the by-laws, we had to go back and take another look at October and November, and with that, also look at the excuse forms. Working in conjunction with the Eligibility Committee, we have finally gotten back up to speed, and the list that was posted via email is the list that the Officers have deemed for voting purposes. Understanding that this process seems confusing, it really is not. In the event that there are any questions, please contact a Chief, and we will be more than happy to sit down and discuss this process further.

Over the past several months, there have been a lot of discussions on the cleanliness of the vehicles, both inside and out. Therefore, at February's Officers meeting, the Captains developed a cleaning list. Essentially, each Captain and crew is responsible to wash a designated rig. We, as Officers are hoping for a few things to come out of this. Taking care of something that is, for all intensive purposes, yours brings pride to people. There is definitely a sense of pride that all members should get when taking care our of "our trucks." When you have pride in what you do, your view of everything changes. With that being said, please keep in mind that the paid staff is equally responsible for the cleanliness of the vehicles. Together, we must work as a team in order to be successful in the achievements our goals.

We hope that everyone has a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day, and as always, keep up the great work.

Respectfully, Bill Froehlich Chief of Department BSBRA



Shivannah Chiatar

1st Assistant Chief

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[No Report Submitted] Shivannah Chiatar 1st Asst. chief @ BSBRA



Jason Hoffman

2nd Assistant Chief

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This month we will be taking in a few new members. As you all know with the new probationary training requirements the new members will not be riding on their duty slots until April. I want to thank the probationary committee for all their hard work and want to congratulate all the probationary members that have completed 12 weeks of probationary training.

Training attendance has been minimal. The LVAD training in the beginning of Feb was a very informative and great training. The attendance for the CO / RAD 57 training was minimal. Just a reminder that as per the by laws of the Dept it is required that you attend trainings to stay in good standing. I apologize but I do not have March's training dates as of yet. Please check your email for the dates in the near future. I am going to try and have the training at the end of the month. The topic will be Incident Command System for EMS. All officers will be required to attend.

There will be a crew chief training in April. Dates TBA. It is an 8 hour class, so it will be two days.

CME's- Jim's CME classes that he teaches twice a month have been poorly attended. Please try your best to attend Jim's CME's. He will do what he can to teach CME's that you need to recert your card.

I know a lot of you will be expiring in July.... Here is what Jim will be teaching in the next few months:

A challenge EMT refresher at our HQ. Challenge will most likely be the first weekend in June, class will be June thru August Mon and Weds 1900-2000. You will take your NYS written in August, and will receive your card in late Sept.

An EMT original at BLA which will start in May, end in Nov. The CIC will be Theresa McLaughlin and Jim will be assisting her in the class.

An EMT original will also be hosted at BSBRA, around Sept, Oct.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Keep up the great work!



Gerald Guszack

3rd Assistant Chief

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[No Report Submitted] Gerald Guszack 3rd Asst. chief @ BSBRA,

Good & Welfare Committee

The Officers and Members of BSBRA would like to congratulate David and Simone Guest on the birth of their daughter Mikayla Brienne Guest. She was born on February 24, 2012 and weighed in at 6 lbs 11oz. Mom and baby are doing just fine.



Welcome To BSBRA

Mikayla Guest

Alex Angus Good & Welfare Committee @ BSBRA

OSHA Committee

PLEASE!! Do not throw red bagged items in the regular trash. THAT IS A BIG NO-NO!!!
A "clean" (non-bloody) blanket was red-bagged. Again, if it is not blood-soaked or vomitted on, it should be placed in the "dirty stretcher linen" pail or the OSHA bin in the room. These blankets DO cost money and can be washed, dried & reused.

Beth Haubrich OSHA Committee @ BSBRA

Medical Committee

The new backboards are in. As mentioned prior, they are different. The ones we have been using are no longer available. The new ones are lighter in weight but can hold the same weight patient.

Beth Haubrich Medical Committee @ BSBRA

House Committee

Hopefully, as of this writing, the new corp dryer will be fixed. PLEASE, remember to clean the lint trap, located on the top right corner of the dryer.

Beth Haubrich House Committee @ BSBRA

Captain's Corner

Sunday

By Felix Rodriguez 3-24-54

Once again, I would like to thank the Sunday crews and the members who show up for the outstanding work from the overnight to the last shift of the day. The camaraderie that I see every Sunday on all shifts is amazing and it's something that is noticed by all the officers and Chiefs. Keep up the good work.

Rigs- Please take time out to wash a rig if it's dirty, it only takes less than an hour to do.

Rig Checks- Please make it part of your rig checks to tidy up the back of the rigs, wiping down the cabinets if needed, throw out the garbage and sweep the floors.

Bldg- Please take out the garbage if it's full, and if you use blankets in the crew lounge please fold them after using them.

KEEP THE BLDG CLEAN !!!

Monday & Tuesday

[No Report Submitted] By Michelle Virga 3-24-51 & Charlie Flood 3-24-53 .

Wednesday

By Bryan Stevens 3-24-55

Hey all,

Wednesdays are going pretty well. I would like to thank everybody who has been helping me out. I need some help during the day because crews are a little light. Once again thanks to everyone who has been helping me out and keep up the good work!!

Thursday

By David Kwok 3-24-56

Hello everyone,

First off I would like to say everyone is doing a great job on handling the calls, I am very proud to be part of this department. I would like to thank everyone that helped me out on my day, we are still a little lite during the afternoon but with the teamwork that everyone puts in everything gets handled. Now onto the not so good stuff, when a crew comes back from a call please replace the equipment that was used, it'll only take at most 5 minutes to replace anything on the ambulance if the entire crew helps out. I have been noticing that the ambulances have become somewhat a little dirty with garbage, OSHA gear, and food. Please pick up after yourself the ambulance is essentially your office where you work other than the building itself. March 8th I am also looking for some help I will be out of the country and will be down an EMT and driver if anyone is available to help out that day please let me know. Thank you for your time and have a great month!!

Friday

[No Report Submitted] By Courtney Haubrich 3-12-52

Saturday

By Noah Fisch 3-24-50

Thank you to everyone that has been coming down and pulling extra duty these past few Saturdays. It does not go unnoticed and I am forever grateful. The overnight could use a driver if anyone would like to pick up that tour. The 1200-2400 Tours could use a full crew as well and it would be nice to have at least 2 full crew in house due to multiple alarms that we have all been getting.

Please remember to tidy up the ambulance when you are finished with a call. This includes but is not limited to restocking as well as throwing out any additional trash that may be lying in the front of the ambulance compartment.

Every officer is thankful for the help that you all put in. We notice the extra step you all take away from your personal lives to volunteer and it does not go unnoticed.

Thanks and have a great month

BSBRA Calendar for March 2012

General Meeting

Monday, Mar. 5th 2012

HQ @ 2000 hours

Heartsaver CPR Class 1000

“Open to the public”

Sunday Mar. 11th, 2012

HQ @ hours TBA

CPR Refresher

Tuesday, Mar. 6th 2012

HQ @ 1900 hours

Core CME “Jim”

“Medical #1” “3 hours”

Sunday, Mar. 18th, 2012

HQ @ 1200 hours

Core CME Topic TBA

“Jim Guilliland”

Wednesday, Mar. 7th 2012

HQ @ 1900 hours

CPR Refresher

Wednesday, Mar. 21st 2012

HQ @ 1900 hours

OTHER TRAINING

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

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“HEALTHY MOUTH,HEALTHY BODY”

Explore the Connection Between Oral Health & Systemic Disease: Focus on Diabetes & Cardiac Implications

Date Friday, March 23, 2012 @ Southside Hospital Board Rooms I and 2 Time 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch Will Be Served. Please RSVP to me at jatkinson@nshs.edu or 631-968-7433 if you would like to attend to ensure a head count for lunch.

Presented by Lauren Gueits, RDH Periodontal Therapist President/Founder Healthy Smile Consultants
(2010 Sunstar RDH Award of Distinction Recipient)

DUTY HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Name	Duty	Back Up	Extra	Calls	Pager Resp.	Comm.	Meeting	Training	Holiday	Misc.
INACTIVE LIFE										
Abrams, S.						1				Elections
Bialek, N.										
Capuano, J.										
Davis, J.	4						2	6.5		GM, CME
Flick, C.						9	6	2		GM, BOD, LVAD
Mayott, G.						29				Kitchen
Mulqueen, B.										
Sanchez, L.										
Umphred, J.										
Veraldo, R.	2			2	1	2.5	2.5			PCR, BOD
Windsor, E.							5			GM, BOD
Woods, L.										
ADMINISTRATIVE										
Haber, S.						23	16.5	2		CME, BOD, Audit
Kloppis, P.	29.5	4			6		7.75			GM, BOD, IACA
Nyberg, F.										
REGULAR										
Angus, A.	19					1	3	1.5		GM, G&W
Baker, D. INTERIM										
Berch, W.										
Boccio, K.	22			4		1				Fundraising
Brown, C.	24			4		1.5	4			CME, GM
Brunton, T. INTERIM					1					
Cairo, D.	36			4						
Callard, J.	25.5	8.5		11		0.5	1.5			GM, OSHA
Chapman, C.	88			19			2			GM
Chiatar, S.	9			2						
Ciabattari, R.	25.5			8						
Dalba, B.	17			1		16		3		QA/QI, LVAD
Dean, R.	27.5			10			4	40		GM, Officers, Medic
DeJess, A.										
Dekel, A.										
Dufour, B.	74.5			11		6.5	2	1.75		GM, Probie, LVAD
Eckhoff, A. INTERIM			10	2						
Fisch, N.	43		37.75	21			6.5	1.5		GM, Officers, LVAD
Fishman, S.	24			10			2			QA/QI
Frisina, J.	13			1			2	1		GM, Rad57
Froelich, B.	35			16		17	9	6		GM, Officers, BOD
Gazzo, S.	21			5						
Guest, D.										
Guszack, C.										
Guszack, G.	24		54	10			6			GM, BOD

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DISPATCHERS										
Ayers, C.	18.5			2			2			GM
Hayward, C.	21.5			3						
Kwok, J.	26.75			14		2.25				Eligibility
Manzella, A.	24		8	29						
Michel, J INTERIM										
Panza, E.										
Taormina, L.	24.75			2	1	0.5	4.5			GM, Officers
Tierney, D.	21			7			1.5			GM
AUXILIARY										
Abrams, B.	7			1						
Butler, K.										
Corsini, G.	16.5			1		4				House
Falconer, M.	10.75			2						
Galke, J.	2									
Hoffman, Jo.	13.5						2			GM
Horn, E.	10			2						
Komoroski, T.	11			4						Stand By
Sanchez, L.						2.5	5			7th District
ASSOCIATE										
Boucher, G.	4				1					
PROBATIONARY										
Ayers, M.										
Badr, T. INTERIM										
Barto, J.	15			5						
Brodie, D.	24.5			2						
Brosnahan, C.	21.5		41	8						
Caccioppo, G.	12.5									
Cantalino, M. INTERIM	16			1						
Caruso, C.	21			5						
Cousin, R.	24			3			1.5	7		Probie
Dufour, J.	7.5			2						
Flores, M.	12			2						
Frank, A.										
Fraser, J. INTERIM										
Fuentes, R.										
Harris, M.	20			1		1.75				GM
Haynes, K.	28.5			7			1.5	1.5		GM, LVAD
Haynes, Kh.	23			21			1.5	16		GM, LVAD

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Herrington, T. MEDICAL										
Hock, Be.	21			5						
Hock, B.	35			9						
Jeri, M.	16.75			8			1.5	16		GM, EMT, LVAD
King, T.	2									
McKinnon, D.	10.5			4						
Martinez, Ju.INTERIM	7			2			2	4		GM, LVAD, Rad57
Mathews, J.	18.5			3						
Ortiz, B.	26			13						
Portillo, L.	42.5			14			1.5	7.75		Probie. GM
Rodriguez, A.	24		18	20			1	7.5		GM, Probie
Rollero, D.	30.5		51.25	21			2	3.5		GM, CME
Romano, J.	12.25							2.5		LVAD, Rad57
Rosner, B. INTERIM										
Schmidt, D.	9.5			7						
Thomas, S.	29			7			2	1.5		GM
VanHouten, J.										
Warner, S.										
MILITARY										
Ayers, P.										
Bignami, C.										
Flood, Ch.	58			14			4.5			GM, Officers
Tenhoopen, D.										
Young, G.										

-This list was prepared by Lynn Taormina Secretary of dispatch @ BSBRA

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As per Barbara BOD.**

Thank You Bay Shore Members!!!

Thank you all for your love
and support! I will be back and
riding with you guys soon!



*Perhaps you sent a lovely card
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

*The family of
Michael A. Hutchinson*

Thank You Bay Shore Members!!!

I want to thank the name that responded to my "911" call on Sept. 29, 2011. My brother, Joseph Woods, 39 Texas Ave. Bay Shore, had a heart attack about 10:00 PM - The rescue workers who showed up were just wonderful. Unfortunately, my brother died - However, the teams worked so hard & were so persistent, thorough & competent. My family & I have the comfort of knowing that everything possible was done to help my brother.

Again, thank you all for all your help - God Bless You

Kathie Britton

AND GRATEFUL
...ARE THE
Receivers.

THANKS SO MUCH!

Thank You Bay Shore Members!!!

Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps

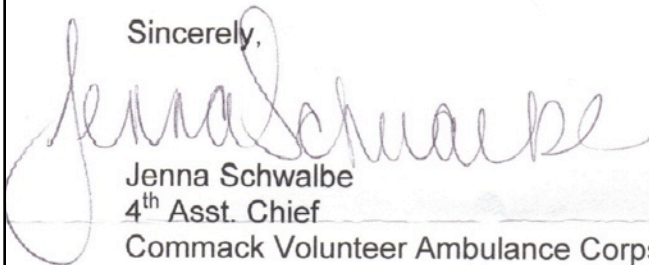
Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance
911 Aletta Place
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Dear Chief:

Thank you for providing our district with a standby crew on January 28, 2012 during our annual Installation Dinner. The chiefs and members appreciate your department's assistance, allowing us to enjoy our dinner.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself with any standby coverage your department may need in the future.

Sincerely,



Jenna Schwalbe
4th Asst. Chief
Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

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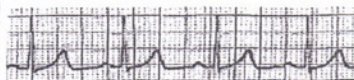
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- **BLS Core Content CMEs**—The Thursday Pre-conference program comprises 1/3 of the CME credits needed for the NYS CME re-certification program
- Check our web site for the schedule of clinical and leadership tracks—the conference will feature three full tracks of seminars on Friday and Saturday—two clinical and one leadership
- The famous Sunday morning - “Three Wise Men” seminar

Highlights

- Statewide EMT/First Responder Drills – a skill and knowledge challenge, that’s fun to participate in or watch.
- Send in your Agency Patch for the Patch Quilt to be raffled at Pulse Check 2012
- Vendor Exposition & Trade Show
- Scholarships & Awards Presentation

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March 2012



Birthdays

03/07/12 Michael Falconer

03/16/12 Douglas Tenhoopen

03/17/12 Christine Flick

03/27/12 William Froehlich

03/31/12 Richard Ciabattari

Happy San Patrick's Day



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-John Martinez, editor of Signal19 @ BSBRA