



## Black History Month

An annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

If you want to read more about Black Heritage click on the following link.  
<http://discoverblackheritage.com/>

**Happy  
Valentines**

**TO ALL THE BSBRA  
LADIES**

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# William Froehlich

BSBRA CHIEF

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Dear Members:

IT'S OFFICIAL, 2011 was our busiest year ever. As a team, we answered a total of 4,225 alarms. This includes our normal calls, plus the TAC calls that we responded to. Great job by all members of the organization, and we ask that you keep up the great work!

As we enter the year 2012, we find that there is a lot of opportunity for the organization to grow, both in the membership as well as in the community. This year, the Chief's Office will be taking a different approach by offering trainings geared to the community including first aid and CPR. While teaching and working with the community, we are hoping to increase our membership by 10%, as well as getting our name out there. We are also going to working with our neighboring agencies to strengthening ties and relations, creating a more cohesive work environment.

Last month, the Chief's Office went over our goals for the year 2012. We fully intend on working to succeed in these goals, and will do what we need to do in order to help the organization. We, in turn, would like you all to take a minute to reflect on our goals, and come up with some of your own personal goals. In order to make BSBRA a better place to work (and play), we need to work as a team.

With all this being said, there is always room for improvement on both the part of the leadership, as well as the members. One of the issues that's been brought to the Chiefs' Office is the cleanliness of the building. **Regardless of rank, or status here at BSBRA we all have to remember one thing. We are all members, and this is our HOME.** Please remember to take out the trash after each tour. For whatever reason, we have become very relaxed on this. Since this being the winter months, we are not exempt from having visitors (mice and other rodents) from entering the bay doors as we go out on a job. These unwanted visitors WILL make their way into the building, and wreak havoc on our membership. Remember, your mother DOES NOT live here. Please clean up after yourselves.

The Eligibility Committee has met for the first time, and has helped keep track of all of the membership. As per the by-laws, the officers are responsible for determining eligibility for voting at the monthly meetings. We ask that you please fill out the General Excuse forms in a timely manner. In the event that you have any questions in regards to your eligibility to vote, please contact a Chief. The Eligibility Committee is solely responsible for tracking the eligibility for the slate for new officers.

At a recent meeting of IACA, it was determined that the TAC medic will now be responding to all Charlie, Delta and Echo calls. According to recent studies by the Chief's council, they find that about 30% of all Charlie calls are in need of ALS. Therefore, they have decided to start this immediately.

We have two standby's coming up in the near future. Please take note, and if you can help out, please sign up.

- February 12, 2012, 1500-1900hrs, Southside Hospital vs. SCPD 3<sup>rd</sup> PCT at BSMS
- March 3, 2012, 0830-1130hrs, BS Marina for the Polar Bear Jump (AHRC)

As always, I would like to remind the membership that the Chief's Office has an open door policy. In the event that you disagree with a decision, action of an officer, or if you just want to stop in a say "HI", we invite you to do so. The only thing we ask is that the member comes to us, and comes in with an open mind. We as Chief's make decisions on a daily basis, which not everyone agrees on. We will sit and listen to you, as long as you are willing to sit and listen to us.

On behalf of the Chief's Office, I want to just extend my warm wishes for a great new year, and we all look forward to working with all of you.



# Shivannah Chiatar

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## 1st Assistant Chief

All members are doing a great job.

Please remember to clean up after yourselves. This includes ALL officers. Captains, chiefs, crew chiefs are NOT excluded. We are all a part of the same team, and need to work together. This included all ambulances and responders. When a patient is in our vehicle, it is a reflection of us. Please keep all of this in mind. Now that it is cold outside, please dress appropriately. Use the liners inside of your OSHA gear, wear appropriate shoes (preferably with treads for icy conditions), DO NOT run onto a scene->walk!

Please keep up the excellent work!

From the desk of Shivannah Chiatar 1st Asst. chief @ bsbra



# Jason Hoffman

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## 2nd Assistant Chief

I just want to discuss the upcoming trainings. For the month of January there was no training. I apologize for this as there was a simple miscommunication between myself and the instructor set to do the training. So I will give everyone a pass for the training in January. We also will be giving two department trainings for the month of February. The first training is Tuesday Feb 7th at 1900 hours at HQ. We have someone from Dr. Hartmanns service (Chief Cardio-Throacic surgeon from SSH) coming to do a presentation on the LVAD. The LVAD is a left ventricular assist device. In lament terms it is a mechanical heart. This will be a very informative training by the experts on how EMS should treat patients that have the LVAD. The Chiefs Office encourages all members to attend; probationary members, EMT's, ALS, no matter who you are you will learn a lot at this training.

The second training will be on Carbon Monoxide emergencies. You will be taught how to recognize CO emergencies and how to treat them. We will also discuss how to properly use the RAD 57. The dates will be Weds 2/22 at 1900, and Sun 2/26 at 1200. If you are unfamiliar with CO emergencies and/or the RAD 57 please attend this training.

Both above trainings will be for non-core CME.

The CPR classes and core CME's with Jim are located on our website via the calendar link.

Any member interested in going to a 12 lead interpretation workshop presented by Bob Page on Sat March 31st from 0800-1700 please let me know. There is a \$30 per person fee, I will try and get this covered under our training budget. Bob Page is a great presenter and does an excellent job at teaching us how to read and understand 12 lead EKG's.

An EMT-B challenge refresher is tentatively being scheduled to be held at our HQ starting in June with the NYS test in August. The class will be Tues and Thurs nights from 1900-2200. Jim will be the CIC for the class. I know we have a lot of members set to expire between May and August. I highly recommend that you take this class. We don't like it that you expire but if there is a lapse it is ok, just write a letter to the chief's office so we are aware of such.

Keep up the great work! And thank you for all you do! If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Dept. Trainings- (In a different box)

- Tues Feb 7th at 1900 LVAD by SSH Cardiothoracic surgery
- Weds Feb 22nd at 1900 CO Emergencies and the RAD 57
- Sun Feb 26th at 1200 CO Emergencies and the RAD 57





# Gerald Guszack

3rd Assistant Chief



To All Members and Paid Employee's

It has been a standing rule under the SOP's that the use of any vehicle outside of the district lines (other than for calls) is strictly prohibited unless authorized by a Chief or Board of Director. We have been advised that there are some members, as well as paid staff who are not aware of this. The policy was put in place due to the size of our district, and the accessibility to quick patient care, which is only hampered when the responding units are outside district lines.

In the event that any member or paid staff member would like to take a responder or ambulance out of district for any other reason than a mutual aid, please contact a Chief or Board of Director. Any deviation from this policy WILL result in disciplinary actions.

On behalf of the Chiefs Office,

## LOSAP Committee

I'm seeing a lot of Probie Trainings on the backs of time cards, but I'm not getting any sign-in sheets for them. Both the probationary member and the badge member doing the training can get points for each training session. I'm also not getting any sign-in sheets for House Committee. All I need is a monthly list showing the date and name of the member who participated. We tried keeping a list in the cleaning closet but that didn't work - any suggestions are welcome. Let's give credit where credit is due, and keep up the great work!

Barbara Spiegel LOSAP Committee @ BSBRA

## Medical Committee

The new Pediatric BP cuffs are labeled by the manufacturer as "small adult" however they are the same size as our pediatric BP cuffs.

Reminder: If you have a Tech bag that you carry in your car, you may restock it from the medical room, however PLEASE leave Courtney or Beth a list of what supplies were taken so they can be added to an order.

Elizabeth Haubrich Medical Committee @ BSBRA

## OSHA Committee

Thank you to the new members of the committee...Kerry, Dan, John H. You are a tremendous help in keeping our equipment in service!!!!

Elizabeth Haubrich OSHA Committee @ BSBRA

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Sunday

By Felix Rodriguez 3-24-54

Sundays are going good thanks to the crews and the members that stop pulls duty. Good job all.

## Monday & Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

By Bryan Stevens 3-24-55

Hello all,

First of all I would like to say thank you to everybody who has been helping me out lately. Getting the calls out is our number one priority but we also have to keep in mind that the cleanliness of the building is also very important. Its not only the captain of the day's concern to make sure the building is clean. It is also the crew chiefs responsibility. On that note keep cranking out these calls so we can truly continue to be the best in the nation!!

## Thursday

By David Kwok 3-24-56

Hello everyone Thursdays are going really well, unfortunately I am still lite during the day time and in need of crews. I would like to thank those individuals that have come down and helped me out. There is one thing I would like to touch on and that is building cleanliness, it has been really bad lately and some of the officers have been getting complaints. Not only from the board of directors but from outside people. It is a little embarrassing when someone outside of the agency come up and tell us that they have never seen the building so messy ever. On that note please keep the building clean and at the end of every shift empty out the garbage's. And if you see a mess please clean it up it may not be your mess but we are all a family in the building, clean it up and then let the officer or crew chief on duty know that there was a mess but it was handled. Other than that I hope

## Friday

By Courtney Haubrich 3-12-52

Hello All! I want to start by saying that I am very proud to be a member of this Corp and to serve along side all of you. With that said, I am still looking for members to pickup a duty slot on Fridays. Aside from 1800-2400, I need steady crews on all other slots. My goal for 2012, is to have two crews on each slot along with a fully functional crew chief. Thank you so much to all members that pull extra duty to keep Fridays running smoothly. If you are available and interested in joining our Friday family call me at (631)872-8152. Thanks Again!! Courtney

## Saturday

By Noah Fisch 3-24-50

Hi again everyone.

Thank you to everyone that has been helping out lately. It is greatly appreciated!

Saturdays are going to be needing alot of help over the next few weeks. Due to some shift changes, the 1200-1800 tour will need a full crew as well as the 1800-2400 tour. If you are able to pick up these shifts please notify me so I can notify the appropriate people.

If you need to change your duty tour for any reason, please remember the appropriate chain of command that is to be followed. This change is put into place for a reason and must be followed at all times. You should notify the Captain of the day first so that we can make changes to the shift to ensure all shifts are covered. It puts a tremendous burden on us as officers to try and cover tours at the last minute. While this is a volunteer organization, This is still a job and rules must be followed accordingly. Failure to follow appropriate steps results in chaos.

Please let me know if you are able to cover any of the shifts, even for just a short period.

Keep up the good work!

# BSBRA Calendar for February 2012

## General Meeting

Monday, Feb. 6th 2012  
HQ @ 2000 hours

## Core CME “Jim”

“Trauma 3 hours”  
Sunday Feb. 19th, 2012  
HQ @ 1200 hours

## LVAD

Left Ventricular Assist Device  
Tuesday, Feb. 7th 2012  
HQ @ 1900 hours

## Core CME “Jim”

“Medical #3 2 hours”  
Tuesday Feb. 21st, 2012  
HQ @ 1900 hours

## Heartsaver CPR Class 1000

“Open to the public”  
Sunday, Jan. 12th 2012  
[Click Here](#)

## CO Emergencies & RAD 57

Wednesday Feb. 22nd, 2012  
HQ @ 1900 hours

## CPR Refresher

Tuesday, Feb. 14th 2012  
HQ @ 1900 hours

## CO Emergencies & RAD 57

Sunday Feb. 26th, 2012  
HQ @ 1200 hours

## CPR Refresher

Wednesday, Feb. 15th 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](mailto: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 JANUARY 2012

Name	Duty	Back Up	Extra	Calls	Pager Resp.	Comm.	Meeting	Training	Holiday	Misc.
Haubrich, C.	24			6		1.5	1.5		13.25	Officer, Medical
Haubrich, E.	17.25			8		2.5	3.75		13.25	GM, BOD, Medical
Hefter, D.	19.5			1						
Henriques, J.	57.5		194	34		1	2			GM, Membership
Hoffman, J.	16			6			1			GM
Hughes, L.	42.5			23	2	16	8	5		GM, BOD, CME
Hutchinson, M. INTERIM										
Johnson, A. INTERIM										
Kremer, A.	15			1			2			GM
Kunz, A. MATERNITY										
Kwok, D.	22			5						
Lewis, J.M.										
Lutz, B. INTERIM										
Marchione, S.	24.5			10						
Martinez, J.	54			15		8.5	9.25	5.5		GM, YS, Sig 19
Martino, D.	19.75			1		3.25		3		CME
McCann, C.	75			19		2	2	13.5		GM, Medical
Matthews, M.	22			5						
Mileski, J.F.	29			13		2.5	2			GM, O2
Miller, M.	10			1						
Mongan, E.	24			4		4				Fundraising
Monterroso, N.INTERIM	16.5			4						
Mullin, A. INTERIM										
Nelson, J.	17.5		6.5	5	1					
O'Connor, M.	21			7						
Paoletti, K.	35		45.5	37	1	27.5	1.5	2		GM, CME, Fundraising
Phillips, M.	21.25			5		10	2.5			GM, Eligibility
Preisinger, T.	28.25		10.5	11			2.5			GM
Pysock, J.	46		16.5	10		4	2			GM, Fundraising
Restrepo, P.	15					2				Eligibility
Rodriguez, F.	32.5			12		2	2	1		Officers, Memebership
Schoenfeld, H.										
Seibert, J. INTERIM										
Seymour, A.J.	24			4		2				Fundraising
Shetty, N. INTERIM	14			6						
Shaw, J.	24	233	56	56			21	15		CC Class
Smith, R.	22			6		2.5				Fundraising
Stevens, B.	64		7	18				2		
Virga, M.	11			4			2			GM
Vita, M. INTERIM			4	1		1				Eligibility
Weis, V.	54.5		55.5	20		14				Stand By
Young, M.	20			4				19.5		CME



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<b>DISPATCHERS</b>										
Ayers, C.	16			2						
Hayward, C.	58			9			1.5			GM
Kwok, J.	22.5			15			1.5			GM
Manzella, A.	24		8.5	21						
Michel, J INTERIM	34			19						
Panza, E.										
Taormina, L.	16				1		3.5			GM, Officers
Tierney, D.	20.25			4			1.5			GM
<b>AUXILIARY</b>										
Abrams, B.	11			3						
Butler, K.										
Corsini, G.	10					3				House
Ekelund, R.										
Falconer, M.	16.5			4						
Galke, J.										
Hoffman, Jo.	2						2			GM
Horn, E.	10			1						
Ippolitto, M.										
Komoroski, T.	12.5			6		9				Stand By
Sanchez, L.							2.5			7th District
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>										
Ippolitto, J.										
Boucher, G.					1					
<b>PROBATIONARY</b>										
Ayers, M.										
Badr, T. INTERIM										
Barto, J.										
Brodie, D.	8									
Brosnahan, C.	12.5		8	2						
Caccioppo, G.	24		7	9						
Cantalino, M. INTERIM	16			1						
Caruso, C.	21			7						
Cousin, R.	33			5			1.5	5		Probie
Dufour, J.	18			1						
Flores, M.	18			2						
Frank, A.								5.5		Probie
Fraser, J. INTERIM										
Fuentes, R.										
Harris, M.	16.25			2						
Haynes, K.	13			3			1.5	16		GM
Haynes, Kh.	8			2			1.5	16		GM

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Herrington, T. MEDICAL										
Hock, Be.	6									
Hock, B.										
Jeri, M.	22			6			1.5	19.5		EMT Class
King, T.	11			2						
Kuriakose, B.										
McKinnon, D.	11			1						
Martinez, Ju.	18			4			2.5	5.5		CME
Mathews, J.	6									
Moran, M.										
Ortiz, B.	23			15						
Patel, M.										
Patel, P.										
Portillo, L.	22.75			12			1.5	8.5		Probie. GM
Rodriguez, A.	31.5			14			1.5	9		GM, Probie
Rollero, D.	33		45	34		2		2	31	CME, Fundraising
Romano, J.	25			5						
Rosner, B. INTERIM	10.75		14.5	7		1.5				House
Schmidt, D.	6			1						
Thomas, J.										
Thomas, S.	28		2	5		1	2			GM
VanHouten, J.	12			2			2			GM
Warner, S.				4			3			GM
<b>MILITARY</b>										
Ayers, P.										
Bignami, C.										
Flood, Ch.	24.5			5	1					
Tenhoopen, D.										
Young, G.										

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

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# February 2012



## Birthdays

02/02/12 Alexandra Angus  
02/02/12 Justin Gonzalez  
02/08/12 Tabatha Burton  
02/15/12 Bryan Dufour  
02/22/12 Thomas Komoroski  
02/23/12 Janice Gabel  
02/23/12 Nicole Monterroso  
02/24/12 Alexandra Kremer  
02/27/12 Gregory Cacciopoli  
02/28/12 Shavaronn Thomas

## Happy Valentines



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

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*Bay Shore, NY 11706*

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*-John Martinez, editor of Signal19 @ BSBRA*