

December 18, 2019



MONTHLY REPORT

November 2019

SAN JUAN ISLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mission Statement-

Our mission is to serve our community before, during, and after an emergency

Vision Statement-

Our vision is to exceed the expectations of our unique island community

Department Stats-

- 80 runs for November; 1092 total from Jan. 1 through November 30.
- 73 more calls than last year January through November = 7% increase.
- Average number of responders per call = 4.2
- Island Air = 14, Airlift NW = 6, Navy= 0, Coast Guard = 0
- Average Response Times continue to be within suburban benchmarks
 - Overall - Average response time 09:37 with 91% of calls under 20:00 (benchmark for suburban area) and 72% under 10:00 (urban benchmark)
 - In Town – 59 calls – Average response time 08:49 with 81% under 10:00 – Average Scene Time = 20:58
 - Mid-Island – 11 calls - Average response time 10:50 with 91% of calls under 20:00 and 64% under 10:00 – Average Scene Time = 37:23
 - North end – 7 calls - Average response time 14:13 with 100% of calls under 20:00 and 14% under 10:00
 - South end – 1 call - response time 14:55
 - Outer Island – 1 call – out of District – cancelled by Coast Guard on scene
 - Note that these are raw times, not adjusted for staging or extended wait times for ALNW arrival, or simultaneous calls
 - Benchmark times are per North Region EMS & Trauma Care Council standards which comply with State RCWs and WACs

Financial Review- as of *End of November 2019*

2019 BUDGET Consolidated Overall COMPARISONS - 92% into this year
San Juan County Financial documentation included

- REVENUE = \$158,830; \$2,946,975 YTD, 92% of amended budget projections
- EXPENSES = \$164,783; \$2,126,056 YTD, 84% of amended budget projections
- GEMT = \$14,339; \$713,879 YTD, 99% of amended budget projections (YTD and budget projection include lump sum back payments)
- CASH & RESERVES = \$1,742,300; 8 ½ months of average expenses

Community-

There were 5 CPR and First Aid Classes presented in the month of November involving 68 community members. A class was also done to certify 6 new instructors. These new instructors are residents of Lopez and San Juan Island. Another class was given to a local sailing club. Total number of Community members educated = 461 for 2019 through November.

IAFF LOCAL #3219-

No report

Operations-

The Auditor's team has completed 2 on-site visits. They are scheduled for one more session in Friday Harbor to complete their work. We will share the results as they become available.

The application and reporting has been completed for our continued participation in the GEMT program.

We completed an evaluation of potential Paramedic candidates and have generated a list of those EMTs interested, qualified and ranked should a position become available for a new Paramedic. The Medic One program in Seattle has an opening for us in the fall of 2020 if we wish to exercise that. We will make a determination as to whether or not sending a student makes sense from a budgetary and response model standpoint.

Fatigue Assessment

Nothing to report

Naloxone - EMT usage

Nothing to report

24-hour EMT shifting

We are finishing out the year with personal time off requests. We have been able to cover all our shifts to date. Otherwise there are no other issues to report.

Medical Protocols

ALS protocols are beginning the final round of edits initiated by Dr. Corsa. The smart device app has gone through an update and is slowly being utilized by the membership. No problems to report to date.

2019 EMT Class

Only one member remains that needs to take the National Registry exam. That has been scheduled. All the others passed the exam on their first attempt and are full fledged members of San Juan Island EMS.

The Shaw Island class is proceeding. Senior EMS Instructor, Weyshawn Koons and the other Fire and EMS Chiefs have contributed to the class on a couple of occasions. Dr. Corsa also got in on the action and assisted with the students Incident Command and Mass Casualty training. The class is still on track to be completed mid-January.

CODAN Update

The County Council has approved putting the issue on the ballot for funding. A public information program is in the works.

Staff Training

2 Ongoing Training and Education sessions were held for our EMTs during the month of November. Training items included our annual HIPAA training. Members of San Juan Island Fire and Rescue were invited and participated. This training is a refresher for our provider's. It is now essential that our volunteer firefighters who do not also have EMT training understand the privacy laws as Fire now has their BLS Aid license. Run reviews for continuous quality assurance and improvement were also conducted as one of the training sessions.

Community Paramedicine-

14 residential checks for the month of November, bringing the total number to 51 since we started tracking in July of 2019. Director Volk was also successfully able to involve State Adult Protective Services for one of our patients which has been hugely beneficial for their well being.

EMS – Fire Integration

The Integration Steering Committee (ISC) met once in November. Commissioner Lindstrum took over the vacancy left by Commissioner Smith. There were no action items and the committee continues to work on the integration process. Petitions submitted by the islands currently represented by the Hospital District but not by the Fire District requesting annexation into the Fire District have been coming in over the late summer and fall. Those petitions are in the process of being reviewed. It appears that petitions from voters as well as petitions from property owners are very close to meeting the 60% threshold that would send the request to the Board of Fire Commissioners for their approval. Verification of signatures is being started by the County Auditor's office. The Friday Harbor Town Council is on track to issue a resolution of intent regarding use of tax money should the citizens of the Town approve annexation into the Fire District. The Town has also issued a statement of support for the eventual integration of Fire and EMS. The State Department of Health has approved Fire District 3's application for a BLS Aid (non-transport) license and work continues on the operational rollout of an integrated response.

Presentation / Special Reports-

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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