



BRAZEAU AMBULANCE  
12128 PARKWAY ROAD  
POUND, WI. 54161

MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2024 9:00 am

Meeting called to order at 9:07 am

AT&T First Net representatives were here to present to present a phone system option that puts EMS personnel on higher priority for calls when volume becomes busy on cell phone towers. They are going to be present at Tuesday evening Fire Department meeting.

A motion to accept and dispense with the reading of the last month's minutes was made by Michelle Brittnacher, seconded by Keri Warrichaiet, and carried.

Financial Summary

PNB - \$53,437.03. Received \$5,300 donation from the Sandra Verstoppen Trust.  
Budget - \$45,882.34

Old Business

Agency ID's were created for members that have a picture on file. If you did not receive an ID card, check your mail slot. If not there, then check with an officer about arranging to have a picture taken. Oconto County is discussing ID cards with your service level listed and a QR code for when on scene for MCI, Mabas, or Box Calls.

K9 Training

Brazeau still has 2 spots available for the November 13 training. Let Dusty Agate know by September 23, if interested or the two spots will open up to other agencies.

Fund Raiser

EMS made about \$2,500 on food sales for the car show. There are still a few bills outstanding.

Shirts

The agency would like to update our shirts and several options are posted at the station. Choose one and make a note on the sheet that is posted. We would like to narrow it down to 2 choices for the October Member meeting.

Vacations & Schedule

Please note if you are unavailable on the calendar. We still have open spots on the schedule on a routine basis, so if you are available, please sign up. It reduces the chance to have more than we need for a routine call. There will be calls that we need more personnel, so when you hear that type of call and we have had several of them recently, suspected cardiac, stroke, or multiple victims to name a few, please show up or check with the scheduled crew.

### Oconto County News

Later this year there will be a change to the county wide radio system. More to follow as we get closer to December change over.

Rehab on a fire scene has changed. The past practice was every two SCBA tanks required a fire fighter to take on high concentration oxygen rehab. The new practice is based on Incident Commander (IC) judgement.

Red lights on personal vehicles will no longer be allowed, effective immediately. In the past some members had red lights on their personal vehicles that were used while responding to a page. The liability and risk is far greater than the benefit and places a higher risk liability on all parties. Exercise due prudence, a max of 5 mph over posted speed limit is tolerated. Safety is always the priority for you and the community.

When responding to a water rescue situation, please ask the dispatch to do an "All Call" request for the Dive Team. There are new dispatchers coming on board and they may not know.

### Pot Luck Dinner

Pound and Brazeau Fire are working on setting up a Pot Luck dinner with Rescue. The goal is a meet and greet in a relaxed atmosphere to socialize and enjoy an afternoon together. The entrée will be provided, a dish to pass is requested. This is for all members and their family and will be held at the Pound Park next to Hillside North Church on Cty Q. The two dates suggested are September 28 or October 5. Please let John Fetterly know your preferred date if attending and how many people will be present so we can plan for enough meat for the meal.

### Member News

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Nancy Warrichaiet as our new full time EMT. We look forward to Nancy starting on September 16. Her core hours will be from 7 am – 3 pm. Nancy will be reporting to John Kussow. Welcome Nancy.

Also join us in thanking Debbie Ruiz for her past year of service and dedication to Brazeau Rescue Service. Debbie will still be supporting us in the role of EMT and First Responder and we are thankful for the continuing dedication. Thank you, Debbie.

Mario Ruiz is taking an EMR class. Unfortunately, until he passes the class or files a Training Permit he cannot run as a second EMT, so you will need to page out for a second EMT. If you feel comfortable, let him participate where it makes sense. Hands on is where the real learning begins. Thank you, Mario, we look forward to you passing the class.

Michelle Brittnacher is now Critical Incident Stress Management CISM certified. If you are having issues after a difficult call, we do have resources available. Thank you, Shelly, for taking the training and offering your services.

#### Call Review

We had 9 calls with 7 transports and 2 refusals. 2 were with Paramedic assistance.

#### Training Update

The Rescue Squad is going to order enough of the Anti-Choke Masks to get the discount. We will place in each rig, with a few extras. If you would like one for home, let Deb Agate know. The discount price is \$60.

Forms can be completed better. We have had a few calls where the form was not correctly filled out. We cannot bill and get paid if not correct.

The Brazeau Ambulance Service Signature Form should have the patient sign the top section if conscious and alert. If not, a family member should sign the middle section. If family member not available and the patient is not able to sign, then the receiving ER needs to sign the bottom section.

An EMT – crew member needs to sign the bottom section.

We are working on an updated Prehospital Care Report. A few changes will be made based on feedback during the September meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated in making the form better.

Refusal for Care - Transport form needs an EMT signature and their license # as well.

Heads Up CPR. The State of Wisconsin has decided that the Heads Up CPR is no longer going to be used or approved. If you went through training and are currently using it, please cease using that method immediately.

#### Lifepack 12 Update

Lifepack recommends that if you perform a 4 lead reading, that you place the leads on the ankles and wrists. If not possible, then place the leads on the outer shoulder and the inner thighs.

#### Other New Business

We would like to start utilizing Facebook more as an informational and community service tool. Watch for member information. We would like the community to know who we are since we have newer members that may not have grown up in the area. Many long time members are no longer with the service.

We would also like to use the page as a Community Service Message Board. In the Summer we could discuss signs of heat stroke. In winter, we could talk about carbon monoxide poisoning and hypothermia.

We would also like to try a more active approach as a recruiting tool. Right now we could use more drivers, so if you know someone that may be able to help, don't be bashful.

Open House – EMS is planning an Open House for October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rescue Squad Building from 6-8 pm. We are always for looking for help so if are around, let one of the officers know.

#### Future Meetings

We are thinking that we need to make the meeting time a little more flexible to help with attendance. There is discussion to have a quarterly meeting at the previous time of noon for regular meeting attendance. Thoughts?

Training on LifePack 12 and extrication to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am was made by Jamie Waller, seconded by Keri Warrichaiet, and carried.

#### Members in Attendance

John Kussow, Deb Agate, Dan Phillips, Michelle Brittnacher, Jim Kuchenbecker, Dennis Langenberg, Chloe Radloff, Gage Radloff, Jamie Waller, Keri Warrichaiet, Keith Warrichaiet, Nancy Warrichaiet,

#### Auxiliary Members in Attendance

John Fetterly, Don Duddek

#### Members excused

Jesse Meyer

#### Members Absent

Amanda Fonder, Tiffany Kussow, Debbie Ruiz, Mario Ruiz,

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Pete Schwanke