

# THE BRIGHTON BUGLE

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## ON CALL CHIEF

Date(s)	Officer	Phone
Friday (12/01) - Friday (12/08)	3M-10 - J. Tomaschko 3M-30 - T.Brown	(585) 474-5225 (707) 888-8945

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shift(s)	All set	All set	08-18, 18-06	All set	07-17 18-23 18-06	07-17 08-18	07-17,18-06

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

### ***Gear Checks***

While going through the rig checks, I am noticing discrepancies between what is written on seals vs monthly check sheets vs equipment inside of the vehicle.

I understand that mistakes happen but I would just like to remind everyone that trying to save yourself a few seconds on monthly checks creates a **LOT** more work for myself and Brandon which is going to result in more stringent requirements for check sheets. I am trying to do what I can to make the process less painful for everyone but that also requires some cooperation.

If call volume is excessive, I'd rather an unchecked truck than a poorly checked truck.

**Captain Sondhi**

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## ***Clinical Care***

I have added Defib 30&31 to the Unit list in EMS charts. This should be used when BLS providers are on the FC.

As a reminder MVC forms need to be filled out for all accidents, even if patients refuse transport.

Please complete QA flags.

We are seeing an increase in providers signing patients off that have fallen and are on blood thinners, Please consider calling medical control before signing these patients off if they fall and hit their head. If they do sign off please make sure there is documentation that you explained the risk of signing off

## ***Logistic-***

We are currently looking at a different bag and setting up for the flycars. Simplifying to a single als/bls bag. More to come.

We will be switching out the King airways with iGels in the near future.

## **Lieutenant's Lit Bits**

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## ***Never Lose Another Upload Again***

Some of you may have already been shown this, but it's been recommended by Philips Tempus specialists that we intentionally **HOLD DOWN** the Power button whenever we *turn off the monitor*. After ~4 seconds the screen will flash a message that says it's powering off and you can release the button. Turns out a single press of the Power button and selecting "Confirm Power Off" is a force shutdown that can lead to missing data in your chart. Remember to make sure you see the little "hurricane" icon at the top edge of the screen and its little block is showing **green**.

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## Fleet

FLEET STATUS BOARD Nov 26 thru Dec 2		
Unit	Assigned to:	Note:
3049	Crew 4 / 5	
3059	Crew 2 / 7	
3069	Reserve	
3079	Crew 3	
3089	Crew 1 / 6	
Medic 30	Primary	
Medic 31	Secondary	

**Hey Folks : Friendly reminder to unplug all rigs before washing**

**Quick reminder : Plug in portables and Tempus at your EOS**

**Thanks for all you do**

## New Rig Survey Results:

- 1) Diesel or Gasoline - Either or is OK
- 2) Cup Holders - Cup Holders are essential
- 3) Mod vs Van - Mod is preferred
- 4) Engine size - Doesn't matter
- 5) Pt compartment camera - Neutral
- 6) More head room - Don't care
- 7) Anti-theft - Very Important
- 8) Siren - prefer howler
- 9) Sharps container - Near the medic catcher
- 10) Dash mounted CAD
- 11) Large passthrough door to the front
- 12) Textured floor

Other comments: No cloth seats  
Glove Boxes in front  
Door keypad  
Motorola portables  
Better suspension  
Easier side door entry  
ALS cabinet

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## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

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### **CECEVO DIDACTIC THIS WEEK 12/06 or 12/07**

There are many of you who have not yet signed up for the CEVO training this week!

Please sign up for the didactic portion with the following link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ACAE2CA1FBCF8-45893819-cevo>

You only need to sign up for one of the days. Class should run about 3 hours.

Exciting news: i-Gel are in and training for the paramedics will take place with CEVO didactic this week.

State required training was sent out to everyone this week over **Target Solutions**. Please log in and get started on this when you have downtime so you're not crushed at the deadline.

**Reminder:** If your clinical judgment determines that a patient should be transported to a facility different from their requested hospital, you should thoroughly document your reasoning and contact medical control. Although we can not deny transport to a patient's preferred facility, it is important to help them make an informed decision, and contacting medical control is a great resource for that.

Thanks for all you do everyday!

-Chief Brown

## BUSINESS MANAGER/HR

### ***BVA Holiday Party!***

Our annual holiday party will be held December 8th here at the base. You and your immediate families are invited to have some holiday cheer! The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen. Please sign up so we know how many will be in attendance and can order food appropriately. We will have catered hors d'oeuvres along with some sweets!

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## COVID

Per the recommendation of our HR Group Bene-Care, we will now require any positive COVID test to have a date stamped picture. In other words, if you contract COVID, when you take a picture of the test results, it needs to have the date stamped on the picture or the test itself. If you have any questions, please see either Julieray or Laura.

## Year-End Information

Please take some time to verify all your payroll information is correct. Look at name, address & social security number. Having this information correct will reduce errors (and potential monetary fines) from the IRS when the year end tax documents are created.



Bill Huckleberry	3-Nov
Abigail Biggs	9-Nov
Dr. Antonios Katsetos	9-Nov
Marc Cohen	18-Nov
Abigail Hentschke	22-Nov
Daniel McCue	28-Nov
Patrick Hodgson	29-Nov

Xanthia Garcia November 29,2015  
(started as a volunteer 8/2013)



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## Words From The Board

### ***Meeting Minutes***

Brighton Volunteer Ambulance  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes  
2023

Meeting start: 1830

*Board Members:*

President Dennis Mietz

Vice President Mike Murphy

Treasurer Michael Pollock

Secretary Jeff Gutenberg

Board Member Dave Reitano (by phone)

*Ex-Officio:*

Business Manager Julieray Romano

Chief Jevon Tomaschko

*Others in Attendance:*

Ann Louise Rydzewski

Joan Cohen

Chuck Wade

Laura Beherns

James Gorski

Ally Dingman

Quorum achieved.

2022 Minutes

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Motion to approve: Ann Louise Rydzewski

Second: Michael Murphy

Yay: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Elections:

- Michael Pollock is withdrawing from nomination, will continue as gov't liaison
- Dave Reitano has been elected to BOD

Motion to close meeting at 1907

Motion: Michael Murphy

Second: Ann Louise Rydzewski

Yay: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Brighton Volunteer Ambulance  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 2023

Meeting start: 1907

Board Members:

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Vice President Mike Murphy

Treasurer Michael Pollock

Secretary Jeff Gutenberg

Board Member Dave Reitano (by phone)

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James Gorski  
Ally Dingman

Quorum achieved.

October 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve: Mike Murphy  
Second: Jeff Gutenberg  
Yay: Unanimous  
Nay: 0

Board Correspondence:

NA  
President:

NA  
Vice President:  
NA

Treasurer:

See attached Treasurer’s report for recommendations

Secretary:  
NA

Business Manager:

See attached YTD Statistics Report

Historically, 65% of calls billed vs. calls taken, currently 55.4%

o S1 vs S2 – charts are not being pulled in as fast by PAB, so likely explained by a timing issue

Chief’s Report:

See attached Operations Report

Tempus monitor results, committees have been implemented to help with issues, more finalized report next month

Project Management Team:

See attached PMT report

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## Marketing:

Suggestion Box: Since we stopped posting responses, submissions have gone down, only one in October and one in November so far, used to be around 15 per month

See attached Marketing report

Facebook/Instagram – posts are aimed at Brighton Community, recommend looking into “boosting” and increasing followers

Check with contact at Channel 8 to see if we can use our partnerships to post on Facebook

ROC the Day will be the main topic on social media this month

Laura to meet with Chief about website

## Fund Drive:

See attached PMT report

## IT:

Server recommendation will be made at December’s BOD meeting

## Gov’t Liaison:

See attached Gov’t Liaison report

## Treasurer:

Chuck Wade:

- o Many adjustments over the last year because interest rates are high

- o CDs allow time for stock and other things to recover

- o Stick with CD and interest investments

- o May be getting to the end of interest rates being as aggressive as they are

- o CDs are laddered – staggering the mature dates. As money is coming due, longer term

- fixed income CDs are beneficial. We want to lock in these high rates for a longer period

- of time.

Motion to follow Chuck Wade suggestions in attached Treasurer Report: Michael Pollock

Second: Michael Murphy

Yay: 3

Nay: 1

## Financial & Business:

Retention Committee findings: meeting last month, document created to categorize findings, no decisions yet, will be another meeting before December board meeting and then will present to board in December

Business Operations:

See attached PMT report

## Compliance:

Nothing to report

Independent audit with PAB/Beacon has been completed. Beacon gave us a quick analysis of

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what they found. Basically, they flag files that have activity on them (either after original submitted, and/or when it gets to financial provider). They look at how many files of ours are impacted that way. Then they look at the type of activity. Next step is to ask PAB what the activity was – could be positive activity or negative activity. We may owe money back if errors with overbilling. Will meet with PAB in the next day or two, and then send them the file. We'll give them 10 business days to respond to what happened with these accounts. Beacon cannot interact with PAB without us – conflict of interest.

Committee Reports (should these have gone in annual report):

Rig Committee:

Proposed: postpone replacing 3049, instead replace 3069 – consistently over budget, issues with getting parts, etc.

Get a third-party opinion on 3049 before making decision to not replace – ask for opinion if this will be OK for another two years

Potentially getting funds from Assemblywoman Sarah Clark—looking for fly car 2023 Ford Explorer

Tahoe (M-30) goes back to town, we'll own the new one like we own the other

Revenue Committee

NEMT not viable, but other options:

- o Expand training courses
- o Community initiatives

o Seek EMS grants

o Bequeath programs

o Safety education for families

o Discharge assistant program with URM

December meeting will have report on what happens with above

Old Business:

NA

New Business:

NA

Motion to close meeting at 2000

Motion: Michael Murphy

Second: Jeff Gutenberg

Yay: Unanimous

Nay: 0

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Next meeting to be held December 8, 2023 via Zoom.

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