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ON CALL CHIEF

Date(s)	Officer	Phone
Friday (1/12) - Friday (1/19)	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	18-23,18-06	18-06	18-23,18-06	18-23,18-06	18-23, 18-06

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Schedule

Over the next few weeks, there will be some "odd scheduling" of individuals. This is due to the January schedule already being complete, and new hires clearing. Additionally with the sudden influx of full time applications, there may be some juggling of part time hours over the next few weeks. Please be patient while we find a path forward that is fair to BVA's needs, and provides a reasonable opportunity for part time staff to get hours in.

-Chief Tomaschko

EMT's at St. John's

There has been recent conversations between St. John's staff and BVA's Admin. Recently, St. John's added EMT certified personnel to their security detail. These folks may first respond, and even provide lift assistance, reducing the need for BVA or EMS response to those "simple fall" calls. While this primary purpose is geared towards their residents, it's pretty clear that this new level of service reduces the burden on EMS when there are no injuries or medical nature to the fall.

I mention this because supervisors at St. John's have commented that our crews are "quickly dismissive" of these EMT's and their reports. Obviously patient care takes priority, but that said, there is no reason for us to be dismissive of their staff when

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they are genuinely trying to make our job easier. Please, if you have interactions with these folks, treat them like a fellow EMT....because they are.

-Chief Tomaschko

Clinical Care

As a reminder ALS assessment needs to be done on page 8 for all calls that are dispatched to ALS and handed down to BLS providers.

If you receive a QA flag please address them as soon as possible.

I will be working on updating our QA policy and also our documentation standards and policy.

Captain Hockenberry

Next to Expire CS

In an effort to ensure longevity of stock, “next to expire” CS vials will be tagged with a bright orange sticker. Please make every effort to use these medications first to help us prevent waste. Wasting CS that was not used on a PCR requires extra documentation and return to the facility of origin for inventory and destruction. It’s a lot easier if we just use these medications instead.

-Chief Tomaschko/ CS Officer Bader

Daily Rig Checks

I have published a new daily rig check form to the website. We will no longer have a separate form for ALS/BLS checks and options for the sheet will populate based on your selections. (If you indicate you are on a BLS ambulance, there will be no ALS gear listed etc). **Only one sheet is to be completed per crew.** There is a field to indicate that both partners are in agreement over the state of the equipment/truck. Checks are a team task.

In the interest of convenience I have opted to add a “select all” button where I can to speed up your check. This will be removed if I find that checks are not being done or done correctly. The sheet is also pretty limited in terms of what is required to fill out but if trucks continue to be left in poor condition at EOS this is going to change. **The less work you make for me, the less work I will make for you, do not be the person that ruins this for everybody.**

I also want to point out that there are required fields on the sheet with the expectation being that if the item is missing when you check the truck, you remedy this, and then check the box. If whatever is missing is not something you can easily remedy, the shift supervisor needs to be made aware as the truck cannot be in service until this is fixed. Please document any missing items in the comments box at the end of the form so that we can track discrepancies. I will take this opportunity to also remind you that your start of shift check is a DOH requirement.

Lastly, please recognize that I am human and there is no simple graphical interface to edit these sheets - as such it is possible that I have missed something. If this is the case, please reach out to me via email so I can update this ASAP. Thank you for your patience.

-Captain Sondhi

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Lieutenant's Lit Bits

That Syncing Feeling

If your Tempus Pro and LS units are taking their sweet time synchronizing, try holding down the **blue** menu button in the bottom-right corner of the Pro, and the bottom-most menu button on the LS at the same time. This pairs them manually so you can finish your rig check with the peace of mind that your cardiac monitor is functioning properly. See the buttons highlighted in the following illustration. Remember that both will chime while showing the solid Bluetooth symbol on each screen as they synchronize.



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Uniforms-

Just a quick update on Uniforms.

I appreciate the quick response in receiving a few requests right away.

Unfortunately, my reply and/or distribution will not be as quick. There is some clean up and organizing that needs to be done,, and I will fill orders as I find the supplies to fill them with. Please bear with me, as we are going through the process.

Stay safe!

-Lt. Cohen

New ALS Flycar Bag

Now that the new ALS Flycar Bag is in service - **Please do not change anything and this includes adding extra overstock.** Many overstock items were found during the last check.

The bag is OK to be temporarily unsealed so everyone can look through the bag themselves while on shift. Suggestions regarding layout changes will be accepted, in writing, until 1/31 for consideration in making any final adjustments. If you do not submit those suggestions in writing by 1/31, forever hold your peace.

-Chief Tomaschko

Mandatory Physical Abilities Assessment (SOP #137)

The sign up sheet with available dates / time slots for the Physical Abilities Assessment are available in the Dispatch Room. If you have any questions, please see Gorski or Jevon.

The available dates and times are below:

Thursday, April 4th, 2024 - 09:00-19:00

Friday, April 5th, 2024 - 09:00-19:00

Thursday, April 11th, 2024 - 09:00-19:00

Friday, April 12th, 2024 - 09:00-19:00

Fleet

FLEET STATUS BOARD Jan 12 thru Jan 19		
Unit	Assigned to:	Note:
3049	Crew 2 / 7	
3059	OOS	At Cortese for maintenance
3069	Crew 3	

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3079	Crew 1 / 6	
3089	Crew 4 / 5	
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		

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

State Required Training

Just a reminder, the state required training is assigned through Vector Solutions. Those due dates creep up quick folks. Please get these done if you have some downtime.

BUSINESS MANAGER/HR



Laura Beherns will be leaving BVA effective January 26th. She is leaving to go back to her roots by writing databases & providing analysis for a subsidiary of Paychex. Some of you may know, she came to us having worked at Paychex for 9+ years. While I'm personally saddened by this news, please help me wish her all the best with her new endeavors! I would like to thank her for being a great employee and for providing the utmost professionalism, responsibility and support in her position and for everyone at BVA. We wish you all the best Laura!



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Paul Fredericks - Jan 3rd
Timya Phillips - Jan 5th
Akhil Sondhi - Jan 12th
Nate Bader - Jan 13th
Derek Foley - Jan 17th



Sam Bitter - 1.09.2022
Dayne Burroughs - 1.30.2023
Michael Pollock - 1.30.1987

Words From The Board

Suggestion Box

It is with great disappointment the Board of Directors has had no choice but to close the on-line suggestion box. Member Jeff Gutenberg put in a lot of time developing this tool for offering suggestions that would benefit BVA. Unfortunately it has turned into a way for individuals to complain and or disrespectfully speak about members and staff in anonymity. This can not be tolerated and allowed to occur. Please feel free to talk to your Supervisor or Board Members if you have a suggestion you would like to submit. For those who contributed positively, we thank you.

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