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ON CALL CHIEF

| Date(s) | Officer | Phone |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Friday (1/19) - Friday (1/26) | 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 | 18-23,17-05 18-06 ALS | All set | 18-23,18-06 | 18-23,18-06 | 07-17,08-18, 18-23 |

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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

Wall Safe

There are now wall safes in both the computer room and dispatch area. The dispatch safe is for pending transfer face sheets and PCS forms. The computer room safe is for PHI that needs to be stored between calls. Your on duty Captain will disclose the combination (I don't want to put it on blast in an email). Locking the safe requires only that the # button be pressed once the safe is closed.

-Chief Tomaschko

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Lieutenant's Lit Bits

Aye, Aye, Capno

Some of you may already be aware of this, but the accuracy of the Tempus' capnometry relies on setting a threshold. This requires that we plug our EtCO2 into the monitor, confirming that it's reading "0" with no waveform, *then* putting the nasal prongs on the patient. If we do it the other way around, the Tempus reads the patients' exhalations as a baseline and the inaccurate readings could potentially direct us toward the wrong airway intervention. The photo below shows a patient already on capno, so it's obviously not reading 0, but the numbered steps are the encouraged process.

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Uniforms-

I have been in contact with our supplier, and it appears that there is still a "supply chain" issue. Also, I am waiting, still, for an updated pricing list from them.

As soon as I get that I can start putting in orders.

So please, have patience! I am working on these issues.

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.

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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 19 thru Jan 26 | | |
|--|--------------|-------|
| Unit | Assigned to: | Note: |
| 3049 | Crew 2 / 7 | |
| 3059 | Reserve | |
| 3069 | Crew 3 | |
| 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 | | |

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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

The **Board of Directors** is pleased to announce that we have modified the PTO policy for full-time personnel, effective with your most recent anniversary date. These changes have been made per feedback received from the R&R Committee to accommodate the 12-hour shift. Everyone will now be allowed to carry over 60 hours of PTO & any hours in excess of this amount that you cannot use by your anniversary date will be paid out. Salaried managers will continue to be allowed to carry over 80 hours, anything in excess can be paid out.

The accrual rate for Full-Time personnel will change to the following:

| FOR FT EMPLOYEES ON 36/48 HR ROTATION | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Year of Continuous Employment | Hours Earned |
| Hire date through 1 year | 84 |
| Year 1 | 84 |
| Year 2 through 3 | 126 |
| Year 4 through 5 | 156 |
| Year 6 through 8 | 186 |
| Year 9+ | 240 |

| FOR FT EMPLOYEES ON 40 HR ROTATION | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Year of Continuous Employment | Hours Earned |
| Hire date through 1 year | 80 |
| Year 1 | 80 |
| Year 2 through 3 | 120 |
| Year 4 through 5 | 148 |
| Year 6 through 8 | 180 |
| Year 9+ | 240 |

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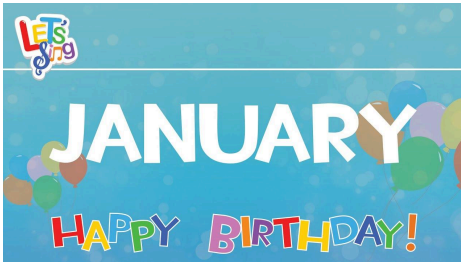
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Paul Fredericks - Jan 3rd
Timya Phillips - Jan 5th
Akhil Sondhi - Jan 12th
Nate Bader - Jan 13th
Derek Foley - Jan 17th



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

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Words From The Board

No News

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