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News From the Executive Committee

With the move to the new building it was felt that we should revive the old “CAVAC GRAM” as a way to keep the membership informed and updated of events within the organization. The goal would be to publish a monthly publication via email (hard copy will also be provided). Constructive comments welcome.

Our move to the new building went quite well. Employees from the Town, Village and School District took less than two hours to move mostly all of the contents from Carpenter’s Barn. With the number of workers deployed it looked like “a small army”. They did a great job.

Now that we are settling into the new building we still need

everyone to be patient as we decide where things should be permanently located. We have made a conscious decision on several matters to see how things go before we nail or permanently affix something to a wall. We have asked Tom Sigle to be our Building Manager. Tom will be responsible for all things building; contracts, supplies, maintenance, vendor contacts, to name a few.

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General Points of Information

- Ambulances will be washed in the center bay only to limit spray against the walls. If necessary the primary rig may have to be moved out to wash the backup rig .
- Personal vehicles are not to be parked in the third bay as that area will be used for storage
- As well, we ask that the ambulance garage not be used for washing personal vehicles.
- During the winter we ask that only the calcium chloride located in the front vestibule be used to melt ice on front walk way. Traditional rock salt will do harm to the bricks.
- Hold the date of Tuesday April 20, 2010 for our annual meeting. We will be holding the meeting at base in the Training Room. Details to follow shortly.

Special points of interest:

- April 20, 2010 -
Annual Meeting
7:30 PM
CAVAC Base

Cindy Underriner, President

The first couple of months in our new building have been both exciting and challenging as we acclimate to our new surroundings. Each day, we move closer and closer to working out all of the “kinks” and settling in. It has proved trying at times, however, true progress takes teamwork and patience. We so appreciate all of the input and suggestions many of you have shared to help in the process.

With Spring soon upon us, we will begin to see the beautiful landscape come to life that has been hiding underneath all of that snow. It will continue to be an adventure for us as we get the opportunity to enjoy the outside patio and the beautiful view of the village from our hilltop setting. The celebration of EMS Week and our Open House in May will give us an opportunity to share our blessings with

the community. Please share any thoughts or ideas you may have so that we can create an Open House that is a gala celebration for all to enjoy!

Ross Perkins, Vice President

We have had several new members who have joined the ranks and will begin training. They are:

Patrick Race – driver
Carole Verne – dispatch
Bob Sheuchenko – driver
Carl McCann – driver
Don Mitchell – driver
Tom Cooney – driver
Kali Henn – EMT

This makes 21 approved drivers with 13 training.

“The celebration of EMS Week and our Open House in May will give us an opportunity to share our blessings with the community.”

Eric Byers, Chief of Operations

A quote attributable to several sources....

In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.

I wholeheartedly encourage all drivers to take advantage of our wonderful off-street parking lot and practice your maneuvering skills. Practice

backing into parking spots staying between the yellow lines. If you have trouble at the hospitals by being either too far from the curb or too close (those pesky posts at Upstate), learn to gauge the distance so you know when the back end clears the curb. There’s a neat way to tell.

The chrome trim on the rear wheel well provides a great reference point. Find a reference point that works for you. Practice using the curb in our parking lot. The driveway also has a slight curve that you can also use to practice backing along a curve. Have fun, but please

Bruce Richmond, Deputy of Dispatchers

New Dispatcher's Manual.

The new dispatcher's manual is now being distributed. Each manual will have your name on the upper left-hand corner of the first page. Many of you have binders from the first edition. Please let me know if you need a new binder or if this is your first copy of the manual. You will find the new manuals stacked in the dispatcher's office in alphabetical order.

New Computer Section to be Added to Manual.

A new section to the manual will be added soon that will provide step by step instruction on our new computer. One of the most useful parts of the computer will be the ability to have only one calendar. Our paper calendar and the on-line calendar often show different things. A single calendar will solve that. Making changes to the calendar is easy. More on this later.

A Flat Panel TV is planned for the dispatcher's office.

The current TV in the dispatcher's office will be replaced with a flat panel TV that will hang on the wall over the futon. This will free up some space in the office and allow the dispatchers to face the front door. The TV has been purchased and we are waiting for the wall mount to arrive.



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MISSION STATEMENT

CAVAC is dedicated to serving Cazenovia and the surrounding communities by providing the best pre-hospital care possible with the promise that all people will be treated with respect and dignity and a commitment that will promote professional teamwork, thereby, keeping patient care as the most important and valued part of its mission. It will accomplish this through education and dedication of its personnel who strive to make a positive difference in the care of all people who are in need.

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