



EMS QUARTERLY

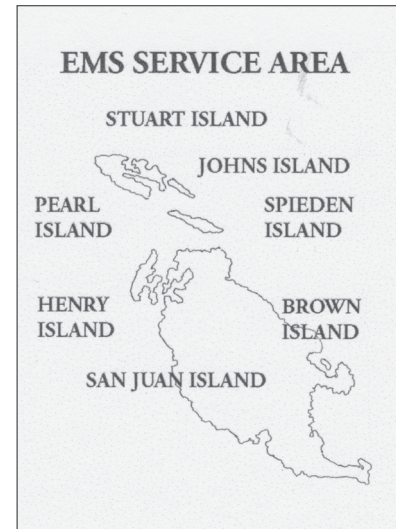


WHAT IS EMS ?

San Juan Island Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a county agency providing emergency 911, advanced life support, emergency medical care and transport to the residents and visitors throughout its service area (shown at right). EMS operates 3 ground ambulances, 3 first-responder vehicles, with career paramedics, registered nurses and over 35 EMTs located throughout San Juan Island. EMS is governed by the HOSPITAL DISTRICT

WHAT IS THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT ?

The San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 is a municipal corporation with the mission to provide health care services to community residents and others in need. The five elected hospital commissioners govern the EMS tax levy that helps fund San Juan Island EMS and keep the ambulances on the road. The geographical service area of the district is shown at right.



HOSPITAL DISTRICT COMMISSIONER STATEMENTS

Bill Williams

“We have a dedicated, well trained, motivated team of paramedics, flight nurses and EMTs who consistently deliver superior accident prevention, life saving and transportation services. I want to support, preserve and enhance these services by providing a sustainable, well managed, appropriately funded EMS. We are well on our way to achieving this goal by bringing on our new chief, Jerry Martin, and beginning an extensive mission review and budgeting process that will lead to a defensible 2017 EMS tax levy proposal that I believe the community will approve.”

Monica Harrington

“I’d love to see a high performing, efficient, fiscally sound EMS agency that has the trust of the community. I intend to support responders so that they continue to feel a sense of passion and joy about their work. We have a great opportunity with Jerry Martin coming on board to strengthen relationships among EMS, the hospital board and the broader community.”

Barbara Sharp

“As a new commissioner, I am happy to be working with the EMS staff and our new chief, Jerry Martin. We are fortunate to have skilled and dedicated EMTs, paramedics, and flight nurses who serve our community. The most important issue facing EMS is passage of a new levy to replace the levy expiring at the end of the year. Passage will require that everyone work hard to communicate to islanders on budget issues; both cost cutting measures taken, and funds required to maintain the skilled level of service needed in our island community in 2016 and beyond.”

2015 EMS STATISTICS

TOTAL CALLS: 1453

Transported by:

Ambulance	1269
Fixed Wing flights	319
Helicopter	83
Ferry to mainland	11
Marine related	5
Navy	7

Calls by Type:

Traumatic Injury	243
Cardiac Related	184
Abdominal Pain	156
Breathing Problems	105
Altered Level of Consciousness	58
Stroke Symptoms	55
Psych/Behavioral	54

Letter from recipients of EMS care in 2015

“We want to thank you for the care and attention that you gave to mom, Sally Bryan, after her two falls. We appreciated your kind and thoughtful attention, your expert care, and your willingness to see her as a unique and special individual.

Thank you for everything you do.”

Pat and Frank Penwell

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You're Invited:

EMS OPEN HOUSE

Come Meet our new Chief!

Friday, February 19th

4:30 - 7:00 pm

1079 Spring Street EMS Building

Cookies and Tea

Talk to an EMT or Medic

See where all the action starts!



Chief Jerry Martin