

**Life EMS Ambulance of Lake County  
Ambulance Report  
July 1 through September 30, 2019**

Ambulance operations for Life EMS of Lake County ran well during the third quarter of 2019. During this reporting period Life EMS did 484 ambulance transports in Lake County. This is 28 more transports than during the same time period last year.

The Lake County operation continues to be very well staffed. We currently have part-time positions posted to provide us with added depth. One year ago, I reported that 2 of our EMTs had graduated from the paramedic class held in Reed City. One of those paramedics has already been promoted to Level 2 (senior) status, the other is expected to be promoted around the first of the year. We are very blessed to have this level of depth of paramedics in this operation. With 10 of our 12 full-time associates at the Level 2 paramedic status, the Lake County operation boasts the highest percentage of staffing at this level.

Deputy Director Jim Herrema was invited to sit on Westshore College's EMS Advisory Board. They are currently hosting a medical first responder course with 15 students. We hope to see future EMT and paramedic courses with the college's new public safety offerings. Having these course offerings closer to Lake County should assist us with staffing and create good job opportunities locally.

During this reporting period we did have one success to report with our STEMI process. In August we responded to a 57 year-old with chest pain in the Chase area. Within 4 minutes, our crew identified that a STEMI was occurring and alerted Spectrum Health Reed City. She was transported to Reed City and flown to the Meijer Heart Center. Door (at Reed City) to balloon time was 121 minutes. The timeframe was delayed due to cardiac arrest episodes and placement of a temporary pacemaker. She was discharged home after a 2 day stay.

**Community Events:**

During this reporting period Life EMS participated in the Kids Safety Day, GEO prison exercise, and provided coverage for the United States Forest Service physical agility testing.

**Mutual aid coverage:**

Lake County units provided mutual aid coverage to Mason and Newaygo Counties on 18 occasions this reporting period.

Lake County received mutual aid coverage on 59 occasions from Mason and Newaygo Counties this reporting period.

Thank you for allowing Life EMS to provide ambulance service to Lake County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Stockhill  
Director of North Operations