

**Life EMS Ambulance of Lake County
Ambulance Report
January 1 through March 31, 2023**

Ambulance operations for Life EMS of Lake County ran well during the first quarter of 2023. During this reporting period, Life EMS completed 521 ambulance transports and advanced assessments in Lake County. This is 57 fewer than during the same time period last year.

Lake County continues to be very well staffed. One of our supervisors, Tom Maleszewski, recently dropped to part-time status. He was selected for a training position with Platinum Education, a national company that specializes in EMS training software. Critical Care Paramedic Rob Halladay, our lead field training instructor in Lake County, was selected as his replacement. In addition to the local training Rob has already received, he will be attending a 3-day course (supervisor bootcamp) through Safetech Solutions. Safetech Solutions, based in Minnesota, is a company that specializes in leadership training specific to the EMS field. Previously, we have sent several of our supervisors through this program, receiving consistently high reviews from attendees on the quality and content of the training.

Life EMS has been committed to building EMS workforce numbers through education and training. In 2022, the Life EMS Education Centre graduated 142 EMTs and 41 paramedic students. So far in 2023, 128 EMT students have graduated, with 27 paramedic students scheduled to graduate in the fall. 60 additional EMT students just started classes. We are striving to remove any financial barrier for EMTs to become paramedics through our own scholarships, financial grants, and sponsorships through Michigan Works. We have also worked collaboratively with West Shore Community College and Great Lakes EMS Academy to provide observation time, and internship opportunities that are required by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to become eligible to test for licensure.

After over 3 years of varying mask restrictions related to the Covid pandemic, the state mandates for masks on all EMS calls were lifted in March. There are specific instructions remaining for respiratory distress calls and aerosolized treatment procedures. Hospitals have also changed their masking restrictions to a similar degree. Our associates (including myself) have been anxiously awaiting this day. Seeing everyone's faces again has been a very positive experience for all of us.

In March, we were contracted by the United States Forest Service to provide medical coverage for their physical agility testing.

During this reporting period, Life EMS responded to 4 requests for medical standby/rehab for fire events in Lake County for the health and safety of Lake Co. firefighters.

Thank you for trusting Life EMS Ambulance to provide excellent service to the residents and visitors of Lake County.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stockhill
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Life EMS Ambulance

