

## MAY 2017 EMS REPORT

With the Code Blue grant, we have gotten a Vacuum Splint set and a Vacuum Backboard. Normally, we have to pay at least a 10% co-pay but with a mini-grant we were able to pay the difference with that. There was money left over from that grant and I am in the process of purchasing an electronic, automated blood pressure cuff for use while transporting patients in the ambulance. Normally, you take a manual blood pressure with a stethoscope but in the back of a moving vehicle, you can't hear well enough to get an accurate reading. This will help us out in our hour plus transports of critical patients where protocol requires a vitals check every 5 minutes.

With Julie Snodgrass's help, we now have a new Prehospital Call Report (PCR). In the past, we were using a generic form that was confusing with lots of unnecessary information inputs and was very hard to use. The new one is specific for our use and has reminders to keep us on track, since we are all really part time EMTs. It also has all the relevant phone #s on it to make it convenient at calls.

This year to date, we have had 4 call outs with 2 requiring transport.