CUEMS Alumni,

Over the past two years, Cornell EMS has experienced many significant changes. As our operations advance, we realize that the squad may be very different from the CUEMS you remember. We hope that as alumni, you can join us in this exciting time of growth, development, and progress. Below is an outline of some recent accomplishments and future goals, organized by executive board position.

**Director (61, Ryan O’Halloran)**

Over the past year, the directorship has taken on an extraordinary role in improving our interagency relations and increasing the influence of our squad both at Cornell and in the surrounding Tompkins county community. Additionally, our record keeping and organization has improved tenfold. Over the next year, the executive board and new committees of general members will work together to set larger goals for the future and lay plans to achieve them, improve our alumni interactions, streamline various policies and procedures, and fortify our position within the university.

**Director of Operations (62, Jim Smith)**

The position of Director of Operations has been recently re-organized to encompass more authority and has evolved to oversee all operational and equipment logistics on the squad, organize the continuous quality improvement (CQI) committee, serve as the liaison to central NY EMS, and coordinate EMS for Slope Day.

To accompany the incorporation of the new mass casualty incident trailer (see the equipment segment), the director of operations has developed a squad mobilization protocol that is designed to efficiently assemble every squad EMT on campus in a single location in case of a major accident.

The director of operations plans to refine the MCI protocols and the rest of our operations to fit our ever-expanding role on campus.

**Promotions Officer (63, Jenna Macdonald)**

Promotions has taken great strides over the past year. We have seen more people enter the crew chief in training (CCIT) process and run mock calls on almost every shift. Mock calls continue to be entertaining and effective at preparing CCITs for serious calls. The promotions officer hopes to develop a more engaging one-on-one dialogue with CCITs to guide them through the process. We have many dedicated and eager members with a lot of potential, so the coming year should be great!

40,000- The number of 4x4s in the new MCI trailer
52,187- The number of miles on our truck
2- The number of cardiac arrests saved on the Cornell campus this year
Training Officer (64, Vishnu Patel)

The responsibilities of the training officer have recently grown to direct the new member class, which is intended to both train our newbies in simple tasks like taking vitals and backboarding as well as teaching them about our agency. The training officer hopes to incorporate new teaching techniques into our weekly training meetings and to implement an agency re-orientation/skills competition that will take place annually during freshman orientation week each fall semester.

Equipment Officer (65, Andy Lazar)

In the summer of 2007, CUEMS welcomed a $40,000 mass casualty incident trailer to our squad. The new trailer allows CUEMS to provide care to about 50 patients in the event of an MCI on the Cornell campus and is the largest stockpile of EMS supplies in all of Tompkins County. The project was financed by Cornell’s risk management department in order to improve Cornell’s emergency preparedness plans.

Just recently a squad committee completed the design of a new BLS Flycar that will serve as our primary response vehicle. The truck will include upgraded equipment and the ability to adapt to future CUEMS operational changes. One such change includes maintaining two trucks simultaneously, allowing the second truck to cover campus events and solve logistical problems.

Finance Officer (66, Jordan Perlman)

Accounting policies have evolved to allow for maximum security of our members as well as to protect the handling of cash. This year, the finance officer will restructure the budget to allow for the immediate purchase of a new vehicle and serve as the co-head of the newly established fundraising committee. Over the next year, this committee will be dedicated to the solicitation of local and national businesses in order to inspire support for the expansion of CUEMS’s educational role on campus. Long-term goals include funding the entirety of the community education budget via contribution and the creation of an endowed EMT scholarship chair. Finally, the finance officer will assume the responsibility of filing for reimbursement from NYS on behalf of CUEMS members for their EMT courses.

Membership Officer (67, Sam Keller)

In the fall of 2007, the application process changed dramatically to incorporate more detailed interview questions and an assessment system based on popular HR selection practices. These alterations have proved very successful, as have the changes in our squad uniform to blue and grey polo shirts. In the upcoming year, the membership officer hopes to develop an even more comprehensive and rigorous application process, implement a new magnet design, improve alumni relations, and enhance the squad dynamic by introducing some new membership events.

Community Education Officer (68, Rosie Petroccione)

Traditionally, the community education position has focused on providing CPR instruction to the Cornell community. This educational role continues to grow, but over the last year, 68 has also begun giving presentations to campus fraternities on the dangers of alcohol abuse and hopes to expand by holding an “EMS Day” with the local day care and participate in Discovery Days with the incoming freshman class.
Administrative Officer (69, Adam Chin)

To meet increasing demand for special event crews, the administrative office has taken on a more active role in the coordination of these events. In a combined effort with the director, the administrative officer has also developed new squad ID tags. The administrative officer looks forward to acting as a liaison between the executive board and the general membership and further transform the office to accommodate the growth in the squad's responsibilities on campus.

Scheduling Officer (70, Liz McClure)

The scheduling officer has worked with the director of operations to establish our MCI mobilization protocols. Towards the end of this past year, shift limit changes were made to accommodate our growing squad. This is considered a temporary fix, but efforts will continue to be made to ensure that the general membership can remain as active as they wish.

In the upcoming year, the scheduling position will continue to improve our relationships with event organizers and fill shifts with crew chiefs as soon as possible to reduce stress.

Dan Maas (advisor)

The advisor would like to keep better tabs on the squad by consulting more often on decisions and purchasing. One major goal is to develop more concrete purchasing guidelines and to train all e-board members on the appropriate CUEMS and Cornell purchasing procedures.

Cornell University EMS greatly appreciates all the support we have received from our alumni in the past! This year will mark one of the busiest in CUEMS history, and we need all the help we can get. If you wish to contribute, please visit our website at http://www.cuems.cornell.edu, and select the button in the upper-right corner which reads, "Donate to CUEMS." All gifts are tax deductible and will go towards improving our operations. Thank you so much for all of your time and dedication over the years!

One of our overarching goals for the year is to establish more cohesive bonds with our alumni. While we may be separated by time and operational changes, we are connected by an even stronger constant: CUEMS has played an integral role in our Cornell experience. It’s unfortunate to accept the distance between us when we have so much to offer one another. We would love to hear from you! Among the many things you can offer the squad after graduation, sharing your experiences in the real world is particularly valuable. If you’re in the Ithaca area, don’t hesitate to call or e-mail our director and we would be delighted to give you a tour or incorporate you into one of our training meetings. We hope you have found great success and happiness beyond Cornell and that your time on CUEMS has served you well. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
The CUEMS membership