

HATZALAH FACT SHEET

Shabbos Hatzalah will BEZ'H be an annual campaign on every Shabbos Chanukah. The goal of Shabbos Hatzalah is to raise community awareness about Hatzalah's life-saving work and to raise the funds for its annual budget. **Hatzalah's annual budget is \$300,000**. The representatives in each shul will encourage the shul's members to sign up for monthly donations either via pledge cards or the Hatzalah website. We are asking the Rabbonim to assist us this year in the awareness component of Shabbos Hatzalah.

HATZALAH'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hatzalah was founded in 2009 and started responding to emergencies in 2011
- Hatzalah is comprised of the following volunteers:

 16 Dispatchers, 39 EMT's, 11 Paramedics and their dedicated families
- Hatzalah's dispatchers have clocked in over **60,900** hours and our EMT responders have accrued more than **33,000** hours in medical training
- Hatzalah has responded to + 5,600 calls since 2011
- Hatzalah has made **2,880** ambulance transports since 2013
- Hatzalah has responded to **37** obstetrics calls to date and **15** babies have been delivered by Hatzalah
- In most situations, Hatzalah is able to transport patients to the hospital of their choice. For example, Hatzalah has transported more than 110 children to Lurie Children's Hospital downtown
- This year, Hatzalah began an IDPH-approved EMT-B Course for seniors at ICJA which will allow them to become licensed upon completion.

- With the help of last year's campaign, Hatzalah went live with Advanced Life Support ("ALS")

 Services in January 2018 and has since responded to almost 500 calls for ALS services.
- Being ALS certified, Hatzalah is now capable of treating and transporting more complex emergencies, such as: chest pain, difficulty breathing, suspected stroke, loss of consciousness, allergic reaction, etc.
- Specialized equipment is necessary for ALS licensure. This includes 12-lead cardiac monitors and special equipment bags with intubation equipment for each paramedic and one per ambulance. The total cost was more than \$400,000
- Hatzalah had **2** cars stolen (and recovered) with BLS and ALS equipment inside. The BLS equipment was found but the ALS equipment is still MIA
 - Hatzalah has plans for a new permanent garage for its 3 ambulances, with room for four, that will include a CPR training facility for the community and a simulation lab for the responders



Help us to continue to save lives by participating in the Second Annual Shabbos Hatzalah Campaign.

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