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Richmond Rescue Quarterly Report

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Hello,
Please pass this along to your Select Boards.
Mike

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Re: Town Select Board Update FY20-21 Q1

In some ways, the first quarter of 2020-2021 has begun to feel more normal in some ways. Our call volume rebounded to record levels for much of the summer and has just recently returned to normal. Despite being so busy, our crews only had to turn over five calls to mutual aid during that time. We were also able to provide six paramedic intercepts when other services were in need of a paramedic, but could not provide one on their own.

While we are back up to our normal crew sizes, we continue to take extra precautions due to COVID. All members on a call always wear gloves, surgical masks, and safety glasses. On any call where the patient has possible COVID symptoms, the crew also wears an N95 respirator and a gown. No crew members have had to quarantine due to an exposure while on a call.

Despite the global pandemic, EMS training continues so that we can respond to all of the non-COVID emergencies. We recently completed pediatric high-performance CPR training. This training focused on pediatric-specific concerns that are not frequently addressed during adult CPR training.

Our backcountry team has been called out six times in the past three months. As the days get shorter and leaves litter the trails, our call volume tends to increase. Our team is unique in that we can provide high-level medical care in austere environments. On those six calls, our responders have included physicians, PAs, paramedics, and advanced EMTs.

Our budget remains on track after the first quarter. All of our financial documents and statistics are available on our [town government documents page](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions about our operations.

Sincerely,
Michael Chiarella - Director of Operations
Miles Lamberson - President