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Re: Town Select Board Update FY19-20 Q1

In July we held our annual election of officers. Miles Lamberson took over from Nicole Killian as President. Miles has been with Richmond Rescue for five years and served as his head of service while at college at Bates. Nicole is pursuing her doctorate in nursing and will continue to volunteer with Richmond Rescue while she is at school.

The first quarter was a busy one with records being set in July and August for both the total number of calls and the number of transports. We saw above average call volume in our primary service area and were called to Essex, Hinesburg, Underhill, Westford, and Williston while their ambulances were busy on other calls.

In August we took delivery of our new Ford F450 ambulance. It was on the road within a couple of weeks of delivery after all of our drivers received additional training. The ambulance has a number of new safety features including five-point harnesses in the patient care area, a traction control system, and four-wheel drive. We're looking forward to using its capabilities this winter.

After a quiet first half of the year, this last quarter had six backcountry rescue calls. We took part in a number of challenging rescues in our area including on the summit of Camels Hump, the Hell Brook Trail, Sunset Ridge, and the Monroe Trail. These calls all involved a multi-agency response with other teams from the area.

Our budget is on target after the first quarter with few surprises. We are hopeful that our new ambulance will help to reduce maintenance costs for a few years. We've posted a Form 990 for FY 18-19 as well as our first quarter financial reports to our [town government documents page](#).

Do not hesitate to reach out to Miles or Mike with your questions about EMS. We would also be happy to provide you with a tour of our facility or come to one of your meetings.

Sincerely,
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