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Richmond Rescue Quarterly Report

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Quarterly Report to Towns - 2021-2022 Q3

While the third quarter of 2021-2022 saw a continued decline in COVID vaccinating and testing activity for our organization, it did bring an exciting new opportunity. In a partnership with the UVM Medical Center and the State of Vermont, Richmond Rescue provided staffing for a blood bank during a critical blood shortage. Within a week of our activation, our members were trained as phlebotomists and screeners. During the five-week program, more than 200 pints of blood were collected that went to patients in our region. This further demonstrates the critical role EMS can play in public health.

In the coming weeks, Richmond Rescue expects to sign a contract with the Towns of Hinesburg and St. George to provide continued ambulance service. While we're still working out the details, we are certain that rates for the existing towns we serve will decrease in the next budget cycle. We're also taking this opportunity to improve our benefits package for our employees so that we can recruit and retain the very best EMS providers.

We continue to be in a strong financial position thanks to our additional income from testing and vaccinating. We were able to pay off the construction loan for our recent renovation, saving us more than \$18,000 in interest over the next six and a half years. We're also moving forward with the purchase of an SUV which will serve as an additional utility and response vehicle. This will allow us to be more nimble in our responses and to tailor the crew to the severity of the call. This vehicle will also be used by the Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue team. We expect the vehicle to be delivered by the end of this year.

We're also in the process of replacing our 2014 Chevrolet ambulance. The patient care compartment will be refurbished and remounted onto a new Ford F550 chassis. This will save us an estimated \$40,000 and provide us with an effectively new ambulance. Purchasing a new ambulance would cost about \$250,000 with a lead time of 570 days (19 months). We are hoping for delivery of our remounted ambulance in fall 2023 at a cost of \$210,000 with a lead time of 15 months.

You can find all of our [town documents](#) in one location including our most recent Form 990 and last quarter's financial statements.

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

Sincerely,
Michael Chiarella - Director of Operations
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