
Fwd: Richmond Rescue Quarterly Report

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Mike

Quarterly Report to Towns - 2022-2023 Q3

The time has come for us to hire our fourth full-time employee. Our part-time employees work about 1,000 hours a year and our volunteers have been picking up many extra shifts to cover gaps in our schedule. By hiring our fourth full-time employee we hope to reduce the stress on our volunteers and keep them around a little longer. We're paying for the full-time employee through the increased revenue from patient billing since starting coverage of Hinesburg and Saint George. There will also be reducing spending on part-time employees. Town contributions were level funded for FY23-24 and we don't expect a significant increase for the following year.

We've made a number of purchases in the last quarter:

- Response vehicle - 2023 Ford Interceptor for use with paramedic intercepts, backcountry calls, and first response. It will be a couple of months until it is fully outfitted and ready to be used.
- [LUCAS Devices](#) - This is an automatic chest compression device. It allows us to safely transport patients that are having CPR performed on them while our providers are seatbelted. The device also never gets tired.
- [Stair chairs](#) - This was a planned replacement of our 20-year-old stairchairs. Stairchairs allow us to move patients down stairs using tracks and wheels which reduces the physical strain on rescuers.

It was a quiet winter of backcountry rescue. We responded to one call: an injured backcountry skier at the Camels Hump Nordic Ski Area. After our crew reached the patient, we were able to provide paramedic-level pain management and extricate them on a sled. We were helped by the Huntington Fire Search and Rescue team and by the staff at the ski area.

In June we'll see our 2014 Chevy ambulance sent back to the factory for remounting. The patient care compartment will be removed from the existing chassis and remounted to a 2023 Ford F550. Doing it this way rather than purchasing an entirely new truck will save about \$70,000. A new ambulance currently costs about \$300,000.

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

Sarah Cooper - President

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