

Richmond Rescue Quarterly Update

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Mike

Quarterly Report to Towns - 2023-2024 Q2

We're expecting delivery of our new ambulance sometime in the next week. For the past month, we've had a loaner from the ambulance dealer. It is a 2014 Ford F350 with 170,000 miles. We're thankful to have a spare truck but are looking forward to our truck even more after driving such a well-used truck. The cost of our remounted ambulance came out to \$246,000. This is \$30,000 more expensive than our new ambulance in 2019. The cost of a new ambulance would have been more than \$350,000. The current lead time to purchase a new ambulance is two and a half to three years. We'll be starting work on the remount of A2 later this year for replacement in 2027.

Having a fourth full-time employee has given us more flexibility in staffing and has led to fewer volunteers having to cover extra shifts when someone calls out sick. With another paramedic, we've also been able to consistently staff a paramedic on 70% of calls.

Richmond Rescue is the busiest EMS car seat fitting station in Vermont. We have three car seat technicians and will be adding a fourth after the car seat technician class in March. We check car seats for newborns, infants, toddlers, and bigger kids. We're also a part of the state's distribution system of free car seats through WIC.

Our [2023 statistical report](#) is available with more graphs and charts than ever before.

The Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team has had a few calls in the last quarter. We assisted the State Police with a search and helped extricate a hiker a short way up a hiking trail. With the inconsistent winter conditions, we have not been seeing as many hikers or skiers in the backcountry.

You can find all of our [town documents](#) in one location including our most recent Form 990, statistics, 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

Emmett Hoskin - President