
Richmond Rescue Quarterly Report

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Hello,
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Quarterly Report to Towns - 2025-2026 Q1

This past quarter had three more record-setting months with more than 130 calls each. The big story last quarter was a huge increase in backcountry rescue calls. We responded to nine calls in the three-month period. The calls included four lower leg injuries, one shoulder injury, two medical problems, and a search for [three missing kids on Camels Hump](#). Our team is excited to have the opportunity to put our training into practice. We are one of the most medically advanced backcountry rescue teams in the state, which includes five physicians, four paramedics, twelve advanced EMTs, and four EMTs.

At the start of last quarter, we said goodbye to a number of senior members who are heading off to medical school and nursing school. This created some voids in our schedule that we were unable to fill with part-time employees or volunteers. In late August, Spencer Spivak joined us as a full-time paramedic. Spencer has been with Richmond Rescue for five years as a volunteer. Since he started, we have been able to remain in service and reduce the demand on our volunteers.

The quarter also saw us out in the community at many events, including CVU football games, a cross-country race in Richmond, and a US Biathlon event in Jericho. In the next few weeks, we'll be at Big Truck Day in Richmond and Halloween in Hinesburg.

We continue to be in a strong position financially. Our recently sent appropriation request was for level funding from last year. Our regionalized ambulance service is able to keep rates low because we spread out the cost among seven towns and 14,000 residents.

Year	Per Capita Rate	Increase
22-23	\$19.52	
23-24	\$14.00	-28.2%

24-25	\$14.00	0%
25-26	\$14.42	3%
26-27	\$14.42	0%

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

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

Sincerely,

Michael Chiarella - Director of Operations

Vivian Aeder - President