
Richmond Rescue Quarterly Report

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Quarterly Report to Towns - 2025-2026 Q3

January was a record-setting month with 164 calls. Many of those can be attributed to messy roads and slick driveways. Since then, our call volume has decreased to more typical winter levels.

The Treat-In-Place program that I talked about last quarter has been used nine times. That is nine times where someone would normally be transported to the hospital, but instead, they remained at home after receiving an evaluation and treatment. This is the future of emergency medicine, and we're excited to be on the front lines in Vermont. The next step, once grant funding is expended, will be to require insurance companies to cover treatment in place services.

In February, the Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team participated in a [challenging rescue call](#) for two hypothermic hikers high on Camels Hump. It was an eight-hour rescue with five of our members participating. The call ended at 4:00 am. Both hikers survived their experience, but may have lasting damage from frostbite. Members also assisted with a workshop at the Stowe Emergency Medicine Conference and worked with the Richmond Elementary School at STEAM night, demonstrating pulley systems and patient packaging.

The Nicole Killian Wilderness Medicine Workshop for our Communities continues to be popular. We had a full house for Splinting and Bleeding control in January and Packing and Layering in February. Next up is Injury Prevention and Managing Injuries in Dogs in a couple of weeks with veterinarians from the Richmond Animal Hospital.

We've started two scholarships to remember our colleagues [Brendon Cousino and Nicole Killian](#). We're planning to raise \$25,000 for each scholarship so that we can have a \$1,000 yearly scholarship in perpetuity. The scholarship will be given to someone involved in EMS who wants to further their education. We've already surpassed \$15,000 for Nicole's, and we're almost at \$10,000 for Brendon's. Donations can be made through Venmo @richmondrescue, or a check can be mailed to our station.

We continue to be in a strong position financially. With our above-average call volume, we continue to see increased billing revenue.

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 - Executive Director

Vivian Aeder - President