
Richmond Rescue Quarterly Update

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Hello,
Please pass this along to your Select Boards:
Mike

Quarterly Report to Towns - 2025-2026 Q4

Earlier this month, we held our annual election of officers. Miles Lamberson will be our president for the upcoming year. Miles has been the president in the past and is currently in his second year of medical school at UVM.

Overall call volume has decreased compared to one year ago. We've seen a 9% increase in calls in our primary service, but have seen a larger decrease in mutual aid calls. This is in part from better staffing at our neighboring agencies. Despite this small drop in calls and billing revenue, we do not anticipate any financial challenges.

Over the past year, we have been working on bringing prehospital ultrasound to Richmond Rescue. We received a donation in memory of Vincent and Rosalie Palermo, which provided the funding to make this happen. Prehospital ultrasound gives paramedics the opportunity to diagnose a number of conditions and can guide their treatment. For example, it can be challenging to discern the difference between congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in patients who have both conditions. With ultrasound, it is relatively simple to make the diagnosis and administer the correct treatment. Our paramedics are currently spending time in the emergency room being trained by emergency physicians and should start using ultrasound in the field in the next few months.

There were no backcountry rescue calls last quarter. Despite the lack of calls, we have been spending plenty of time in the backcountry training with other backcountry rescue teams in the area. Topics have included heat emergencies, ropes and knots, and search techniques.

The Nicole Killian Healthcare and Adventure Scholarship will be awarded next spring to a worthy recipient. Thanks to many generous donors, we raised more than \$34,000 to make this scholarship a perpetual \$1,300 award. We continue to fundraise and hope to grow the yearly award. Check out VSAC's annual scholarship booklet to learn more about it.

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

Miles Lamberson - President