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## Richmond Rescue Quarterly Report to Towns - 2021-2022 Q4

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Hello,  
Please pass this report along to your Select Boards.  
Mike

The fourth quarter of 2021-2022 saw a continued decline in COVID vaccinating and testing activity for our organization. We are one of a handful of agencies in the state continuing to staff vaccine clinics. This past quarter we had a chance to vaccinate the youngest Vermonters as vaccines became available for children under age 5.

In May, our Director, Mike Chiarella, was given the Community Champion for Trauma Award for his work as a car seat technician. He has been a certified car seat technician for the past fifteen years and has checked more than 500 seats over that time.

In June we held our fifth bike helmet giveaway. The event was a huge success with more than 100 bike helmets given away. We continue to give away the remaining helmets at our building to both children and adults in need.

Our remounted ambulance order is in the queue but there is still uncertainty about when a chassis will become available. We're aiming for delivery about 14 months from now but may have to be patient. During the ordering process, we also received a quote on a new ambulance. Due to inflation and supply chain shortages, the price of the new ambulance has risen to \$300,000. In four to five years we also plan to remount our other ambulance. Perhaps we should start that process soon.

In June, the Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team responded to a call for an injured mountain biker at the Cochran's Trails. The biker had been descending when they fell off a small bridge and injured their ankle. Unable to walk, the biker called 911. Our team included multiple paramedics and an ER physician. They were able to provide pain management prior to extricating the patient in the litter. Less than two hours from the time of injury, the patient was on their way to the hospital in the ambulance.

Last week, we held our annual election. Sarah Cooper has replaced Miles Lamberson as President of Richmond Rescue. We would like to thank Miles for his years of dedication to our organization and for his steady leadership during the COVID pandemic. You can reach Sarah at the same email address; [president@richmondrescue.org](mailto:president@richmondrescue.org).

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