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Richmond Rescue Quarterly Update

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

Quarterly Report to Towns - 2022-2023 Q1

The end of quarter one marks one complete year of providing ambulance service to Hinesburg and St. George. We finished that 12-month period with 1,214 calls and 671 transports. Our volunteers and employees have been excited to get more opportunities to use their skills although it has meant the occasional sleepless night.

In September the Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team responded to Camels Hump for a hiker in their 60s on the Long Trail having chest pain. The patient was located at 3,200 feet about a half mile north of Wind Gap. With the help of Waterbury Backcountry Rescue and Stowe Mountain Rescue we were able to use an ATV to ferry gear and rescuers up to the tent site on the Dean trail. Fifteen rescuers made quick work of the carry-out while providing a high level of medical care. Once in the ambulance with an EKG, it was confirmed that the patient was having a heart attack. A couple of weeks later the patient made a significant donation to our team. We used that donation to purchase a small, portable EKG machine that can be used in the backcountry.

In September we made our 1000th E911 address sign. The program started eight years ago and has made a huge impact on our ability to locate homes and businesses that need our help. We're already at sign number 1,013 and sign orders keep coming in.

We placed an order to remount our existing ambulance back in June. Due to the continued automotive parts shortage and a backlog of orders we've been told that we will not have a chassis assigned to us until the middle of 2023. The building process will take at least a few months. Our 2014 Chevrolet ambulance is continuing to provide us with relatively trouble-free service, but at some point will become expensive to maintain.

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