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Richmond Rescue Quarterly Update

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Hello,
Please pass our quarterly report along to your Select Boards. Thanks.
Mike

The end of quarter two marks the end of the 2022 calendar year. It was our busiest year ever with 1,190 calls and 666 transports. We expected a big increase in call volume since we began serving Hinesburg and St. George but we were surprised to see a large part of the increase came from the other five towns we serve. Call volume in those five towns rose from 527 to 665 which is a 26% increase. Other services in our area are seeing similar increases which leads us to believe we're dealing with a bigger problem with the healthcare system. Patients are likely having a hard time getting in to see their primary care providers and may have had health problems worsen during the height of COVID.

The Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team responded to only one call last quarter but it was not an ordinary call. The call came in at 3:00 pm for an injured hiker at 3,500 feet on the Sunset Ridge Trail on Mount Mansfield. Conditions were quite slippery on the mountain between the recently fallen leaves and the three inches of rain we received in the prior days. Soon after packaging the patient and starting down, a call for another injured hiker in the same area was received. This second patient, with an ankle injury, was unable to continue under their own power. The decision was made to wait with a small team at that location until the first rescue was complete and the rescuers could return. The team started a small fire and enjoyed the time to rest. There was also a third injured hiker with a knee injury. That injury was splinted and the hiker was able to walk out under their own power. The first litter carry was completed successfully and then many of the rescuers turned back up the mountain to do it again. The second litter carry went very smoothly as they had just practiced many of the challenging sections. The call was completed at 11:22 pm, just a little over eight hours after it began.

We've finally had a chassis assigned to us for our ambulance remount. We expect to turn over A1 to the ambulance manufacturer sometime in early summer and hope to have the remounted ambulance arrive in early fall. We'll have a loaner ambulance from the manufacturer during the period that A1 is being remounted.

We continue to be in a financially strong position. Thanks to the additional call volume, we've been able to put funds into our staffing and health insurance reserve funds so that we can buffer the impact on the towns when it is time to add a fourth full-time employee.

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