

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

SERVING CORNISH, MERIDEN, PLAINFIELD

ANNUAL REPORTS

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1974 ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

The year 1974 saw the beginning of the Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc. Begun as a group of individuals with Emergency Medical Technition training, it has grown into a community service organization with it's purpose being to provide better emergency care and first aid coverage for the people of the area.

In order to give total care for the patient and to remain an independent organization, the Cornish Rescue Squad became incorporated on February 14, 1974. Forms were filed with the Internal Revenue Service establishing the non-profit corporation status, making all donations tax deductible. Along this line, we rely on donations and fund raising projects for our existance. It is good

to report that we have received donations from individuals in town as well as local organizations and that this has insured our continued service.

Continued updating and special training sessions help to maintain a qualified membership of emergency personnel. Examples of this include the National Registration Exam; a weekend Extrication Course; and the New Hampshire Heart Association CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resucitation) course. Special meetings have been held with the N.H. Fish and Game Department and the Civil Air Patrol. There has been excellent co-operation between the Cornish Fire Department and Selectmen; the Blow-me-down Snowriders Snowmobile Club and the State and local police. It is hoped that by working together, we can improve the emergency care in our town.

Although the organization was originally set to respond to emergencies in Cornish along with the Windsor Ambulance, there have been other service projects the Rescue Squad has undertaken. In the Spring, a boy was lost on the Connecticut River in a canoeing accident. This set the Squad into action searching the river without success. Because of this incident, two signs, each 8' by 8' were erected warning river traffic of the up-coming Sumner Falls.

The first objective of the Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc. is "To provide emergency medical care to persons in need thereof, whether by reason of ill health or accident." Constant review and training, having the availability of equipment and supplies needed, and a smooth working system are all necessary for the objective to be reached.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline H. Rand
President

The Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc, 1975

The Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc. has completed its second year with fifteen active members. Eight more people completed their Emergency Medical Technition course and two went on to become Nationally Registered EMTs. There is also an Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course now going on which will add to the number of trained people in our area.

A lot of time was spent by each member in order to maintain a qualified number of people, ready to assist in case of illness or accident. Regular meetings were held the fourth Tuesday with a training and practice session the second Tuesday of each month. Further specialized training received by some members includes rock climbing and repelling; Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Instructor program; an E. M. T. Refresher course; an updated CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) course; and two sessions on hypothermia. The Rescue Squad shall continue to offer training so that its members will be adequately prepared for any kind of emergency that may arise.

The purchasing of necessary equipment has been a big goal this year. A total of \$619.82 was spent on updating existing equipment and adding to our inventory. \$137.50 was donated by interested residents and there were other donations of a plectron, oxygen units, etc. which were very much appreciated. It is very reassuring and encouraging to receive such support from the people we are servicing. The additional money spent on equipment, insurance and incidentals was raised through fund raising activities.

Steps have been taken to improve and insure our response to any illness or accident. A call system was adopted early in the year which has helped immensely to lessen the burden on each member and assure adequate coverage. If anyone needs assistance, they are asked to call any member of the Rescue Squad or the Windsor ambulance and ask for us. The members are always willing to respond free of charge and as quickly as possible. In 1975, there were thirty-one calls including accidents and illnesses of various kinds at which Rescue Squad personnel assisted.

As a service organization, it is essential to have adequately trained personnel; the necessary supplies and equipment; the support of the people; and a system in which to work. With all these factors taken into consideration, it is hoped we can continue to assist in emergencies involving ill health or accidents.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline H. Rand



1976 ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

This past year saw the Cornish Rescue Squad continuing to serve Cornish with improved emergency medical care. Since our inception we have strived to serve our neighbors with quick, efficient emergency medical care.

With your help we have been able to increase our ability to meet most any emergency medical situation. Your response to our Capital Fund Drive has so far raised \$4,405.00 toward our equipment treasury. With this money we have been able to buy a light-duty rescue vehicle and many life-saving tools and supplies. This equipment has heretofore been available to Cornish residents on an "on call" basis only, and then only after long and possibly fatal delays. The Squad also had other fund-raising projects during the year which helped greatly.

In addition to helping with our fund-raising projects, all our members have sought to maintain and improve their skill level in emergency medical care. Most members completed a 20-hour E.M.T.A. refresher course required by the state every two years. Some members took a 12-hour Defensive Driving Course offered by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. Four members became Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Instructors, certified by the American Red Cross. We also had four members become C.P.R. instructors, certified by the New Hampshire Heart Association. One member has qualified and is now a registered E.M.T.A. instructor. The Squad has also participated in an emergency disaster drill at the Lebanon Airport and a local disaster drill co-sponsored by the Vermont E.M.S. and the Cornish Rescue Squad. Also, regular monthly training drills held by the Squad have insured that all our members maintain adequate knowledge and skill to assist you in any emergency.

Early in the year we held a meeting with local selectmen, police, and fire departments to explain and coordinate our function. As a result of this meeting, we have been asked by, and are now serving, Plainfield-Meriden with much the same service we now offer Cornish. The Squad has also been called to assist Claremont Fire Department and by Windsor Fire Department for stand-by ambulance coverage.

With the support you have given us in the past and with the interest we hope you will continue to give in the future the Cornish Rescue Squad will continue to offer the best in improved Emergency Medical Care

Respectfully submitted
Lewis G. Gage, President

**1977 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

The Cornish Rescue Squad has completed four years of service to the people of Cornish and the surrounding Towns. Our original, and primary goal remains to provide prompt emergency medical care on a first response basis. With the purchase of our light duty rescue vehicle, we have also been called upon to light up night-time emergency scenes. In cooperation with the Cornish Civil Defense Director, the School Board is rewiring portions of the Cornish School to ensure continued electrical service in event of an extended power outage and/or use of the building as an evacuation center during a local emergency.

In the past year we were called to many medical and accident-related emergencies by both individuals and the ambulance services with whom we work. We responded to major fires in Claremont and Windsor and to a serious car fire in Meriden. The Rescue Squad has maintained a First Aid Station at the Cornish Fair and other large gatherings on the Fair Grounds. We also serve as a standby ambulance crew for the Windsor Fire Department on request.

A major goal of the Rescue Squad for the coming year is to provide First Aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training to the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Widespread training of this sort may help prevent loss of life and/or prevent permanent injury. It will also make our job, and that of the ambulance crew a bit easier. Finally, we would hope to gain some new members through these courses.

The Cornish Rescue Squad remains a private, non-profit corporation supported by fund raising projects and donations. Annual expenses for operations, maintenance, training, and equipment exceed \$2,000. We acknowledge the great interest and generosity of our area's residents. We look forward to your continued support.



1978 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

The Cornish Rescue Squad completes its fifth year of service to this area with 12 active members. Our operations include first response emergency medical care in cooperation with area ambulance services, stand-by ambulance crew for the Windsor Fire Department, First Aid Coverage at the Cornish Fair, and lighting and first aid coverage for night time fires. We have Mutual Aid agreements with all neighboring emergency services.

Our maintenance and operating expenses have been met each year by fund raising efforts (mostly around Fair time) and a few annual donations from area organizations and individuals. Equipment and supplies have been purchased from special donations or provided to the Town for our use by New Hampshire Ambulance District A-6. Our expenses have exceeded \$4000 in each of the last three years. In this period, we also have received equipment from the Ambulance District valued at more than \$3700 and, before the Federal funds for our District expire at the end of the current fiscal year, we expect delivery on additional communications equipment with a value of more than \$1500. Our budget for 1979 will exceed \$4000 for the fourth year in a row. (Of this amount, \$900 is set aside for fund raising expenses; \$600 for new equipment; \$1800 for insurance, maintenance and operations; and the balance for supplies, licensing fees, training, and improvements to our garage.)

The Squad has represented the Town on the Ambulance District Board for several years. This group is responsible for supervising the emergency medical care in this area. In the past year, we have inventoried all available equipment, personnel and supplies as part of a disaster planning program; critiqued disaster drills in our own District and others; and participated in the allocation of the Federal funds available to our District.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Poor, President

**1979 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

The Cornish Rescue Squad has seen a growth in membership and in advanced training in emergency medical care during its sixth year of service to Cornish. Our primary function is to provide first response emergency medical care for the sick and injured. In addition we provided first aid and lighting coverage for all fires in Cornish, standby ambulance crews for the Windsor Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance in Claremont, and first aid coverage for community activities such as the Cornish Fair.

Our expenses for the year were over \$4900 with \$1500 being received from the town and the remaining income derived from fund raising activities and donations.

In order to maintain a high quality of care, individual members donated more than 2000 hours of training over and above our regular scheduled meeting. The squad's active participation in training seminars include a D.O.T. Auto Extrication course, a Farm Machinery Extrication course, an Off Road Rescue Course, and a Search and Rescue Seminar. To increase our membership we offered an Advance First Aid course in Cornish and five of those participants have gone on in their training to become Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Eight EMT's have obtained training to become Advanced EMT's. Along with our training, proper maintenance of our equipment and the purchase of new items have added to the capabilities of the Cornish Rescue Squad

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Rand, President

1980 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has completed its seventh year of service with 20 active members. During the year the squad responded to 40 emergencies in Cornish, 33 emergencies in Plainfield, as well as all fires in Cornish and mutual aid calls.

Our primary function continues to be to provide first response emergency medical care for the sick and injured. In addition we provide first aid and lighting coverage for all fires in Cornish and mutual aid fire calls in our neighboring towns, standby ambulance crews for Windsor and Claremont, and first aid coverage for community activities such as the Cornish Fair.

This year our expenses were over \$5,800.00 with \$1,500.00 being received from Cornish and the remaining from fund-raising activities and donations. This next year the squad will be asking both the towns of Cornish and Plainfield for money to assure services by the squad at their annual town meetings.

The Cornish Rescue Squad strives for the highest possible level of emergency medical care for our patients. In doing so our 20 members have attended monthly hospital critiques, regional educational seminars and maintained their level of training. Nine of our members have advanced skills and with direct medical control with Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital or Mt. Assisnot Hospital can receive ambulance use of this training and equipment.

We appreciate the continued support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

1981 REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

1981 completes our eighth year of service with 22 members, all of which are Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M.T.). This past year has seen an increase of about 20% in the number of calls the Squad responded to. We had a total of 120 calls. Fifty-seven were medical emergencies in the home, 14 were auto accidents, most with some kind of injuries, 30 were coverage at fires as well as provide lighting when needed. The balance of the calls were parades, fairs, (43 treated at Cornish Fair) and mutual aid to Claremont and Windsor.

Our expenses for the year were approx. \$5,000 with \$1,500 being received from the Town of Cornish and \$1,500 being received from the Town of Plainfield. Fortunately we were able to hold our expenses down and will try to do the same for the coming year.

As most of you know, the Cornish Rescue Squad started a Building Fund campaign to build a "Rescue Shed" to house our vehicle, equipment and give us a place for training and meetings. We have reached about the three-quarter mark and have taken a lease on a piece of land on Rte. 120 near Sullivan's Sugar House. As soon as we see ground again we hope to start building.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped make this project possible.

As always we continue to reach the highest level of emergency medical care for our patients.

Respectfully Submitted,
DALE F. ROOK
President

1982 REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

1982 completes our ninth year of Emergency Medical Services to the towns of Cornish and Plainfield. This has been a better year so far as medical emergencies are concerned.

We had a total of 111 calls during the year. These included Auto accidents, medical emergencies in the home, mutual aid to Windsor and Claremont for fires and Ambulance coverage. Injuries at the Cornish Fair was down about 10% over last year.

Our expenses for the year was held down to \$5,000. This does not include the new Rescue Station. We anticipate a budget of about \$6,000, for the coming year. The fund raising project for the new station brought in a little better than \$13,000. Every cent is being used and we are about 98% finished. We plan to hold an openhouse this Spring so that everyone can see how their donations were used.

The Cornish Rescue Squad would like to thank each and everyone who donated money, labor, equipment and vocal support to make this building more than just a dream. Thanks Folks.

Respectfully Submitted,
DALE ROOK, President

1983 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

1983 completes our tenth year providing Emergency Medical Services to the towns of Cornish and Plainfield. We have seen a great many changes in the medical field during the past 10 years. Our members are in constant training trying to keep up with all the new standards. Our goal is to always try to give our best when one is in need of our services.

Our number of calls for this year are on an average with the past few years recording approximately 110 for 1983. Not all our calls are for the sick and injured. Some of our responses are to fires, mutual aid to Claremont and Windsor. We also provided coverage for the Boy Scouts, 4th of July parade in Plainfield, canoe race on the river, area triathlon race, Cornish Fair, and parades in Windsor and Claremont. As you can see, we do manage to keep busy.

We have been in our new station for almost a year now and really enjoy having a place to meet, train, and care for our equipment. There are still a few items to be finished as time goes along.

The Squad is always in search for new members in the Emergency Medical Care Field. As many of you know there is a lot of training, time, and dedication in providing the care that is needed in the field. When only a few do the work it can become an easy "Burn Out" of personnel. New and fresh members are always needed.

We can also use help to raise funds etc. If anyone is interested in helping the Cornish Rescue Squad in any way, please get in touch with one of the members or come to our monthly meetings the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Rescue Station.

As always the Cornish Rescue Squad wants to thank everyone for your interest and help.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Rook, President

1984 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

The Cornish Rescue Squad has had an active eleventh year of service to Cornish and Plainfield. As always, our primary function is to provide first response emergency medical care for the sick and injured. In addition we have provided first aid and lighting coverage for all structural fires in both towns; as well as stand-by ambulance coverage for the Windsor Fire Department; and first aid coverage for community activities in Cornish and Plainfield.

As volunteers, the time and cost required to maintain our emergency medical skills is increasing which places the squad this year in a position where we are asking both towns to increase the squad's appropriation from \$1500 to \$2000 at the 1985 town meeting.

If anyone is interested in participation as a member of the squad or in helping at fund raising activities, please contact one of us.

We appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Rand
President

1985

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

1986 was a very busy year for the Rescue Squad. We had 114 calls for our service as well as many additional hours providing coverage for the Triathlon, the Youth Hockey Tournament in Meriden, and the Cornish Fair.

We would like to thank everybody in town for the support that has been shown to us on our recent fund raising event. As you know, we have purchased a new truck chassis and are putting our old rescue body on it. Part of our latest fund raising efforts is to save money for a new rescue body sometime down the road. Also, we are looking at some major expenses in the future to up-date our communication equipment and to keep up the new technology and innovations in our medical equipment.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Larry Dingee President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD, INC.
REPORT TO THE TOWN, 1986

We have completed our twelfth year of service to Cornish and Plainfield. This past year we responded to 116 calls. The Medical emergencies were evenly split between the two towns.

Our membership is up to a healthy level but we are always seeking those who have an interest in participating. If you have an interest please speak to one of the members.

Specialized training this past year included a course in farm extrication, cold weather injuries and drownings, automobile extrication, and planning for a mass casualty incident. Monthly meetings held at the area hospitals were available to our members which covered a host of medically orientated subjects.

Our operating budget remains about the same as last year. Our insurance policies are subject to a 16% increase but we feel that the \$2000.00 asked of both towns in addition to our usual fund raising activities will be sufficient to maintain the organizations financial soundness.

The squad has started a fund drive to purchase a new rescue truck. The present 1964 International has served us well for the past ten years, but the chassis is showing it's age. We wish to thank you for the support shown.

As always, our goal is to provide the communities with trained prehospital care to the sick and injured, and to stabilize the patient while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. If we can continue to do this, then we feel we have accomplished our goal of neighbors helping neighbors.

For the Board of Trustees,
John Rand, President

Trustees:
Larry Dingee
Mark Dube
Susan Fitch
Dale Rook

1987

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

TO: Town of Cornish

1987 was a fairly busy year for the Cornish Rescue Squad. We had a total of 106 calls. In addition there was much time spent getting the new truck on the road and in training.

As you know, we are purchasing automatic defibrillators, however, to go along with this, it is much more important that the residents of our two towns realize the urgency in calling us quickly for any type of medical problem, particularly anything cardiac related.

In addition, the Rescue Squad will be offering C.P.R. training to any resident or group of residents that would like it. Our ultimate goal is to have as many people as possible trained in C.P.R., including the older school children. If anyone is interested in this training, please contact any Squad member. We will begin to offer courses in the spring.

Larry Dingee, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

1988 Report

The Cornish Rescue Squad is a volunteer squad of 26 Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders from the towns of Cornish and Plainfield. We have been serving the two towns since 1974. Each year we respond to about 100 to 120 calls, including medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, and woods and river rescue operations. We also provide first aid coverage for such events as the Over the River and Through the Woods triathlon, the Boy Scout Waikathon, and local hockey events. Each year we offer CPR courses to the towns' fire and police departments, to school personnel, and to all other interested townspeople.

In addition to donating perhaps 100 to 140 hours a year to responding to emergencies and to the volunteer activities mentioned above, Rescue Squad members spend approximately 30 to 40 hours a year in updating their emergency medical skills.

Dial 542-5155 when you need to have the ambulance and/or the Cornish Rescue Squad dispatched. Rescue Squad members arrive within just minutes to initiate emergency medical care, advanced life support measures such as automatic defibrillation in cases of cardiac arrest, and to assist in transporting patients to the hospital.

Money received from the two towns goes toward helping to defray our operating expenses. Any donations or fundraising money are used to purchase new equipment or to update existing equipment. It is an understatement to say how much we appreciate the support shown us by the residents of the towns of Cornish and Plainfield in the past 15 years.

Larry Dingee, President

In an emergency be sure you know and promptly use the emergency phone number—542-5155.

The officers of the Cornish Rescue Squad are as follows:

Anne Donaghy, President, trustee	448-4133
Jeff Katchen, Vice President, trustee	675-6726
Sue Fitch, trustee	675-9391
Ed Foltyn, trustee	542-4181
Larry Dingee, trustee	469-3394
	w. 542-9682

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

1989 Report

The Cornish Rescue Squad, serving the towns of Cornish and Plainfield, had a busy 1989. Our squad of 21 volunteers responded to approximately 120 calls, helping coordinate emergency medical services and giving on-the-scene emergency medical care at motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, house calls for emergency illness or accidents, searches for missing persons, and we even were called to assist in rescuing several animals. Now that the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge is open, we also assist with mutual aid ambulance coverage for Windsor when necessary.

In 1987 Cornish Rescue Squad members also taught community first aid and CPR courses, and sponsored a weekend Critical Trauma Care course which included other area ambulance and rescue squad personnel. During the year each squad member also spent many hours updating and adding to their own training, often at seminars or conferences as well as at our monthly squad meetings.

Since we are a volunteer non-profit public service organization, we rely on town appropriations to help cover our operating expenses, and on our yearly fund drive to help us replace and update equipment and maintain the quality of emergency medical care that we provide to Cornish and Plainfield. Our 1989 fund drive focus was on updating our communications equipment and improving our dispatching. We heartily thank all of you who have so generously supported your rescue squad in many different ways.

Windsor ambulance has resumed coverage of the western portion of Cornish, however the emergency phone number for the rescue squad and ambulance continues to be 542-5135 for the entire town of Cornish. Please make sure this number is posted by your telephones!

Again, we thank all of you for your support.

Arce Doughty, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

1990 Report

The Cornish Rescue Squad, serving the towns of Cornish and Plainfield, responded to 101 calls in 1990.* Since July 1st., we have been dispatched by the Windsor dispatch center via a repeater tower on Mt. Ascutney, which has greatly helped our radio reception in the two towns. Our squad of 23 volunteers responded last year to river rescues, structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and household accidents and medical emergencies. Squad members also attended Emergency Medical conferences and seminars and continued to update their own training, and taught community CPR courses as well.

A volunteer nonprofit public service organization, the Cornish Rescue Squad relies on town appropriations and our annual fund drive to help cover our operating expenses and also enable us to invest in any new equipment needed to improve our service to the two towns. Our 1990 fund drive focused on our need for a rescue boat to help us respond more effectively to accidents on the Connecticut River. Community support has been so generous that we not only will be able to put a rescue boat into operation this spring, but also we will be able to meet this year's unavoidable increases in our operating budget without having to ask for an increase in town appropriations.

Please make sure your emergency phone number for Fire, Rescue and Ambulance - 675-2221 - is posted by each of your telephones. Should you need to use it, be sure to take the time to give clear directions to your home or location, and do not hang up until the dispatcher disconnects from you. Also, the Cornish Rescue Squad urges everyone in town to learn CPR. If you would like to take a course, call a squad member.

Again, we thank all of you for your support.

Anne Donaghy, Pres./Sec.
Cornish Rescue Squad

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

1991 Report

The all-volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad is completing its 17th year of service to the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. This year we responded to 102 emergency calls in the 2 towns.

This past spring we put our new rescue boat into service. With a larger number of people using the Connecticut River for recreational purposes, our boat has already been called to respond to several river situations.

Through your generosity during our Fall fund raising campaign we are in the process of equipping our members with full protective clothing. This clothing will reduce the risk of injury to Squad personnel during hazardous rescues.

We are continuing to update our communications equipment and our dispatch service. This ensures that critical information is readily available during an emergency situation.

Because the Cornish Rescue Squad remains committed to providing the best care possible, continuing education and training remain a top priority for the Squad. Our members invest long hours to maintain certification and to keep up with the latest developments in emergency medical care. We thank you for helping us meet these goals.

The Cornish Rescue Squad wishes you all the best in the coming year. as always, we hope you will not have need of our service, but if you do, please call us first so that we may help you as quickly as possible. Our emergency number is 675-2221.

Jeffery Katchen, President
Cornish Rescue Squad

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1992 REPORT

The all volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad is completing its 18th year of emergency care to the citizens of Cornish and Plainfield.

1992 has been a busy year for the squad. To date, we have answered approximately 130 emergency calls. These calls range from motor vehicle accidents to heart attacks to river rescues. Additionally, we have provided mutual aid to towns in their times of need.

This year, the squad equipped each member with protective clothing to give them the chance of injury during hazardous rescues.

As always, to maintain the highest level of care, squad members spend long hours in training. Each squad meeting begins with a training session on a topic of emergency care. Throughout the year, members attend additional training to stay current in emergency care and to maintain all necessary state certifications. The Cornish Rescue Squad maintains a commitment to education second to none.

The squad has reviewed and updated our equipment list. We strive to have an inventory of material we feel will best suit the incidents we most often encounter. This year, we have undertaken a major project to completely refurbish our ambulance.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has dedicated itself to provide the highest quality of care we can to the people we serve. The heart of our squad is our members. Their dedication, equipment, and commitment are the cornerstones of their service. We are very appreciative of the ongoing support shown us by the residents of Cornish.

In closing, please remember if you have an emergency, call the Cornish Rescue Squad first. Calling family members or friends prior to calling the squad can delay the arrival of emergency care. In an emergency, seconds count. Any delay in receiving expert care can be disastrous.

The Emergency number for the Cornish Rescue Squad is 675-XXXX. If you have not done so already, please post this number by each of your phone.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Jeffrey Katchen

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1993 REPORT

The past year has been a very active one for the Cornish Rescue Squad. Serving the Towns of Cornish and Plainfield, we have, to date, responded to 117 calls. These calls represent all manners of emergencies from heart attacks to motor vehicle crashes to search and rescue operations.

Squad personnel have devoted countless hours to providing the best emergency care we can to the people we serve. To this end, members continue to undergo extensive training in the latest emergency techniques. Some members have completed advanced courses enabling them to provide more specialized care.

The squad continues to update equipment. Thanks to the generosity of people of Plainfield and Cornish, our rescue truck will soon be completely refurbished. When this project is finished, we hope to outfit the truck with the latest in rescue tools. The tools will allow the squad to extricate victims of serious car crashes as well as rescue them from other difficult locations and situations. An air cascade system will also be placed on the truck. The cascade system is used to fill air tanks for fire fighters at the scene of major fires. With squad members providing the service, more firefighters are freed up to do direct fire fighting.

In conjunction with other area emergency services, the Cornish Rescue Squad will be starting a campaign to educate the public about safety when using the Connecticut River. River safety days and media educational promotions are planned.

As always, the squad is most appreciative of the enthusiastic support shown us by the people of Cornish and Plainfield. We thank all who have contributed over the years to our organization. It is your generosity that allows us to continue our service and expand our scope of operation.

The Cornish Rescue Squad wishes you all the best in the coming year. We hope you will not have need of our services. If, however, an emergency occurs, call the squad first. Do not call family members or friends before calling the squad. This only delays the timely arrival of properly trained and equipped personnel. **The emergency number for the Cornish Rescue Squad is 675-2221.** Please make note of it and post it by all telephones. When calling, also stay calm and provide the emergency dispatcher with details of the problem and your exact location. Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to. The Cornish Rescue Squad further urges all to take training in CPR and first aid so you will be prepared in an emergency.

Jeff Katchen, President
Cornish Rescue Squad

1994 REPORT

This past year the Cornish Rescue Squad answered a total of 156 calls for assistance within the two towns. We found ourselves in the last two years having a dramatic increase in the number of runs from the previous years. All of this has added an additional strain on our resources, particularly with manpower and keeping up our training and certification.

During last summer we put into service a new body on our rescue truck as well as a fairly complete set of the "Jaws of Life" to assist us with our auto extractions. This year we had an extensive one day training course on the use of these "Jaws" with the fire departments that we work with, so that wherever we are in our coverage area, we should have an ample amount of trained people to operate them.

We continue to receive great support from the residents in the area in which we operate. This allows us to devote time to training and responding to emergencies rather than fund raising.

Larry Dingee,
President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1995 REPORT

Squad finished 1995 with a total of 148 calls, of which 100 were in the Town of Cornish.

It is a continual struggle to keep up with our different levels of certification whenever you turn around there is some new, more time-consuming requirement imposed upon us by the State. Just having said this and not wanting to discourage anyone, we are always looking for new members. If anyone has a desire, please

contact us. The new emergency project seems to be moving along slowly. We can't stress enough the importance of an individual homeowner, once you are assigned a house number, to have a conspicuous spot for responding emergency personnel. In the same light, we are working on a new state-wide 911 telephone number. While not the perfect solution, we are continually working to improve it. It is still better, even in our area, than we have had previously.

Larry Dingee,
President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1996 REPORT

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 160 calls including mutual aid. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with a tradition of being one of the fine EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

- In cooperation with Cornish, Meriden, and Plainfield Fire Departments we sponsored the Claremont Fire Department Training Unit for teaching school children fire safety. This two-story mobile unit reviewed the 911 system, smoke detectors and proper home exiting procedures for the Kindergarten through Third graders of Cornish and Plainfield schools.

- We co-sponsored a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Plainfield School that over 60 riders and their families attended.

- This winter we are offering a First Responder Course to the community.

- Financially speaking, with the cooperation of Mike Morette of the Cornish Fire Department and the Windsor Repeater Association, we negotiated a contract for dispatching with the Town of Windsor that will save us 40% on the cost of radio dispatching.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the towns and residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency. If you have any special concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221 and we will review your needs and develop a plan with you. Would you also please look at your road and house address and be sure it can be seen on a rainy night from the road?

We are always looking for new members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non-EMS aspects of our organization. We meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Squad house on Route 120 in Cornish.

On a personal note as I complete my first year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President
Jeff Katchen, Vice-President
Fred Schad, Secretary
Paul & Sharon Merchant, Treasurers
Stewart Adams, Trustee
Bob Jordan, Trustee

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1997 REPORT

In April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created and we are approaching our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We would like to thank our past members who built the foundation that the Rescue Squad is built on. It is interesting to note that the first rescue squads in the country were formed during this time in the early years of EMS. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the most respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 150 calls including mutual aid. This winter we offered our second First Responder Course to the community. We had excellent participation in the last year's course adding new members to the Squad, re-certifying squad members and training members of the community as well as Firefighters in both towns.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

New members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non-EMS aspects of our organization are very welcome.

On a personal note as I complete my second year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1998 REPORT

In April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created and we are planning to celebrate our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We would like to thank our past members who built the foundation that the Rescue Squad is built on. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the most respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 150 calls including mutual aid. This winter we are offering an Emergency Medical Technician Course for the Squad. We had excellent participation in the last year's First Responder course adding new members to the Squad, re-certifying squad members and training members of the community as well as Firefighters in both towns. A number of members attended a Vehicle Extrication course co-sponsored with Windsor Fire Dept. last fall. We assisted in a Bike Helmet Drive that placed 150 bicycle helmets in both towns.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

New members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non-EMS aspects of our organization are very welcome.

On a personal note as I complete my third year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD



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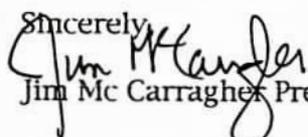
Annual Report of the Cornish Rescue Squad

In April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created and this Fall during a ceremony at Singing Hills we celebrated our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We were honored as past members joined us to reflect on the foundation that the Rescue Squad is built on. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

On a personal note as I complete my fourth year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency

Sincerely,

Jim Mc Carragher President

In honor of our 25th anniversary I would like to reprint the 1974 Annual Report.

Cornish Rescue Squad Inc.

As of February 1974, thirteen Cornish residents successfully completed their Emergency Medical Technician Course.

Eleven of the thirteen persons have founded the Cornish rescue Squad Inc. (page 67 of this year's Annual Town Report gives information about this corporation.)

P.O. Box 235

Cornish Flat, NH 03746

The members thus far are:

Polly Rand,	President	A Member of the board of Trustees						
James Lukash	Vice President	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pam Lukash	Sect. & Treas.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Robert Hilliard		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ed Bourne II		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Joan Baillargeon								
Ed Lawrence								
John Rand								
Judy Rook								
Dale Rook								
Shirley Sullivan.								

In the event of an emergency at your home or elsewhere, the Cornish rescue Squad can be reached by Windsor Ambulance Service. they then call the Claremont Fire Depart. which sends a broadcast for medical aid over the Plectron Radio to Cornish which is received by the EMT's in their homes. At the same time an ambulance can be dispatched from Windsor. Since it may take the ambulance 15 minutes to reach the scene, it is obviously to our advantage to have Emergency Medical Technicians in town who can be at the scene within minutes of your call. There may be instances where the EMT would be all the aid you need, and the services are FREE.

The number to call if you are in need of Emergency Medical Aid is:
675-**** Now 911

Please support the Cornish rescue Squad, an independent organization, in any way you can. We can use all the volunteers who are willing to assist us in first aid, as well as fund raising, public relations, etc., as equipment is costly; such as - oxygen bottle refill - 5.00 which is supplied on an emergency bases free of charge to patients.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
January 2001

The past year has been another very good one for us. We had our average number of calls including mutual aid to neighboring communities. Our response time remains excellent because with over twenty members, the squad is one of the largest in the Upper Valley.

Would you also please look at your road and house address and be sure it can be seen on a rainy night from the road? If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

On a personal note as I complete my fifth year as President, I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the most respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher
President

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD JANUARY 2002

The past year has been another very good one for us. We had our average number of calls including mutual aid to neighboring communities. Our response time remains excellent because with over twenty members, the squad is one of the larger in the Upper Valley.

As I stated in our letter to you this fall: Regarding the tragic events of September 11th I would like to share with you my closing comments at the 25th annual celebration:

- Realize that some of the best people in the community are helping at the scene at 3 am
- Seeing the best and sometimes worst of people you find each day a little more precious
- When someone asks you why you do EMS you cannot imagine not doing EMS

It would be greatly appreciated if you would please look at your road and house address and be sure it can be seen on a rainy night from the road. If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the most respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley. The support we have received each year from the EMS community, Fire and Police Departments, and both towns have been greatly appreciated.

On a personal note as I complete my final year per our by-laws as President, I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is with great pride and pleasure that I return to the role of member after six years as President. This January we elected our new leadership of

President – Jeff Ballard

Vice-President – Rob Drye

Secretary – Deb Foltyn

Treasurer – Fred Schad

Trustees – Gary Chilton, Jenny Schad, and Chantell Orlen.

As I have stated in each of my annual reports, "It is an honor to work with you"

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 2003 REPORT

This year, 2004, the Cornish Rescue Squad celebrates its 30th anniversary. Many things have changed in emergency medicine since the first members took their basic instruction in 1974. Today in many areas, especially areas away from major cities, volunteer services have trouble attracting and retaining staff, raising funds, and maintaining skills. I'm happy to report that the Cornish Rescue Squad arrives at the beginning of its fourth decade with over 20 members in the towns of Cornish and Plainfield, with adequate funds for operation and equipment, and with a continuing commitment to training, much of it provided by our own members.

Call volume for 2003 was higher than in past years, with some new patterns emerging. Changes in car design have reduced the number of injuries and fatalities while creating new challenges for rescuers. Crush-resistant passenger compartments and cars with multiple air bags require rescue techniques that are very different from those which were standard when the Squad was founded. The Squad is in the process of making upgrades to our tools and techniques to meet these new challenges.

We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns.

The Squad has started the process of replacing our 1986 Rescue Truck with a new vehicle. Generous contributions to our annual fund drive should make this possible during 2004. As I write this, we are evaluating bids on a new vehicle. We are planning the necessary upgrades to our extrication equipment, happily at a modest cost. We have provided new equipment to our members who are licensed at the Intermediate and Paramedic levels to permit them to practice their advanced skills.

The support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching.

My first year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. A special pleasure for me has been working with the officers and Trustees – vice President Gary Chilton, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Chantelle Orlen and Trustees Jenny Schad, Steve Jameson and Deb Foltyn.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is still sometimes a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they will not be obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help. If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,
Rob Drye, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
2004

Last year, 2004, the Cornish Rescue Squad celebrated its 30th anniversary. Many things have changed in emergency medicine since the first members took their basic instruction in 1974. Today in many areas, especially areas away from major cities, volunteer services have trouble attracting and retaining staff, raising funds, and maintaining skills. For the first time in recent years, we lost more members than we added, but are still well staffed to meet our call volume.

At our January meeting the Squad voted to purchase a new Rescue Truck to replace our 1986 chassis. Thanks to generous contributions to our annual fund drive we were able to do this without borrowing. Our new truck should be in service by the time you read this. The truck has a lot more lighting power than our old truck, and has an extended cab to provide additional crew space and controlled storage space for items used by our EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics.

Call volume for 2004 was a bit lower than in 2003. Our call volume continues to be split fairly evenly between house calls and accidents, with fewer auto accidents than in past years, but more accidents of other kinds. We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns.

The support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching.

My second year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. A special pleasure for me has been working with the officers and Trustees – vice President Deb Foltyn, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Chantelle Orlen and Trustees Jenny Schad, Steve Jameson and Dale O' Connor.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is sometimes still a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they will not be obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help.

If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,
Rob Dye, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 2005

We started 2005 as a new year with a new look – our new Rescue Truck went into service the first week of January. This was the first completely new truck we have ever purchased. Our original truck was a hand-me-down that served us for 13 years. Its body served another 8 years on a new chassis and the “new” chassis served another 9 years under a new body. That truck lives on – Meriden Fire Department now uses it as a utility truck. The new truck has a lot more lighting power than our old truck, and has an extended cab to provide additional crew space and controlled storage space for items used by our EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics.

Call volume for 2005 was up some from 2004. Our call volume continues to be split fairly evenly between house calls and accidents, with fewer auto accidents than in past years, but more accidents of other kinds. We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns.

The support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching. With the help of a state grant program and hard work by the Mount Ascutney Repeater Association, we hope to reduce the number of radio dead spots in our response area this year.

This year as every year, the generous response to our fund drive letter has allowed us to update important equipment. In addition to the truck, paid for with previous fund drives, we upgraded our extrication tools and medical equipment. Our project for this year is to replace our boat with one more suitable for use on the Connecticut River.

.My third year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. A special pleasure for me has been working with the officers and Trustees – vice President Deb Foltyn, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Chantelle Orlen and Trustees Jenny Schad, Steve Jameson and Dale O' Connor.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is sometimes still a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they will not be obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help. If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,
Rob Drye, President

Cornish Rescue Squad 2006

This year has been one of the most difficult for us in the squad's 32 year history. A series of fatal incidents spread throughout the year, including one involving our own boat, have reminded us that we are involved in work that can be dangerous and emotionally draining.

Call volume for 2006 about the same as 2005, though this year we went through several periods of high call volume, followed by long stretches with very few calls. Our call volume continues to be split fairly evenly between house calls and accidents, with fewer auto accidents than in past years, but more accidents of other kinds. We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns.

The financial support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching. With the other members of the Mount Ascutney Fire Repeater Association, we were able to add another radio tower in Claremont to help cover radio dead spots.

This year as every year, the generous response to our fund drive letter has allowed us to update important equipment. This year we plan to add cardiac monitors, as well as special equipment mandated by the State of New Hampshire to meet new training standards.

My fourth year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. We received an enormous amount of support during a very difficult time for us from both towns, especially from town officials. Once again it has been a special pleasure for me to work with the officers and Trustees – Vice President Deb Foltyn, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Paul Merchant and Trustees Jeff Katchen, Steve Jameson and Dale O' Connor.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is sometimes still a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they will not be obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help. If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,
Rob Drye, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 2007

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad with the support of the communities continue to answer calls 24/7. Our members are certified NH licensed First Responders, EMT B's, EMT I's and Paramedics. Why do we get up in the middle of the night? Go out in the cold? Leave dinners on the table? Because our neighbors called for help, that's why.

Our call volume for 2007 remained about the same as 2006. The trend for calls also mirrored 2006 with several calls in a row, followed by few or no calls for a period of time. Our calls varied from MV crashes to medical calls to supporting local fire departments at fire scenes.

The financial support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching. We were notified by Windsor Dispatch center in December that they will no longer be providing dispatch services for area departments. We are working with the members of the Repeater Association to move to another dispatch center that will best fit our needs.

Once again, your generous donations given during our recent fund drive have allowed us to upgrade equipment, purchase protective clothing for our members, supplies, and provide funds for training. As always, we are most appreciative of your support.

As my first year as President comes to an end, I thank the officers and trustees for their support. Rob Dye, Vice President; Fred Schad, Treasurer; Paul Merchant, Secretary and Trustees, Steve Jameson and Jeff Katchen. Their help has been most valuable, in learning the "ropes", and moving our Squad forward. I also thank all members for volunteering their time to respond to calls, continue with training, etc...

We encourage residents to make their 911 house number visible from the road. Placing it on a mailbox, or on the front of the house makes it easier to find you in case of an emergency.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns at your house, placing 911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our Squad. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence
President

Rescue Squad
2008

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Since 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad has provided first responder Emergency Medical Services in the communities of Cornish and Plainfield. Our members are certified by National Registry of EMTs and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. All levels, (First Responder, EMT B, EMT I and Paramedic), must meet NREMT standards consisting of continuing education, including a 24 hour refresher and a practical exam every two years. These are the minimum standards for us to provide EMS care to our community members. Many members attend workshops and conferences beyond the requirement.

Members responded to a total of 125 calls in 2008. These calls consisted of motor vehicle accidents, cardiac arrests, supporting our local and mutual aid Fire Departments at a fire scene, medical calls, lift assists, etc...

The Lebanon Fire Department, Windsor Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance provide our towns with ambulance coverage. Ambulance coverage for Cornish and Plainfield is by contract between the two towns and the ambulance service.

In 2008 the Cornish Rescue Squad saw some changes. Windsor Dispatch Center, our long time provider for dispatch services, disbanded effective June 30, 2008. We were able to move to Hanover Dispatch Center who now provides dispatching services to both Cornish Rescue and Cornish Fire along with many other towns. Thank you to Douglas Hackett for his efforts in our transition along with the reprogramming of our radios (both portable and mobile), and all of our pagers.

We have also made the decision to no longer respond to water rescue calls with a boat. We sold our flat bottom boat to Windsor Fire Department who will be doing some training and when called upon by local incident commanders, will respond with the boat and personnel to provide help to their New Hampshire neighbors.

We thank both communities and its members for the financial support received from our annual fund drive and from funds appropriated at town meetings. These funds offset the cost of dispatching; radio and pager repair and replacement; the cost of supplies for our members jump kits; supplies, registration, maintenance and insurance for our rescue truck; utilities and upkeep for our station and for training. This spring we are hoping to work collaboratively with Plainfield, Meriden and the Cornish Fire Department to offer training for members in auto extrication. New vehicles including Hybrids and vehicles equipped with multiple airbags offer two of the many

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challenges rescuers are faced with when extricating patients from their vehicles.

A BIG thank you to CRS's members whose response 24/7 provides care to the members of our two communities. They are:

Jeff Katchen, Vice President and Trustee; Paul Merchant, Secretary; Fred Schad, Treasurer and Training Officer; Jim McCarragher, Trustee; Steve Jameson, Trustee; Beth Clifton, Trustee; Jenny Schad, Training Officer; Eric Bivona, Dave Bridgham, Larry Dingee, Margaret Drye, Rob Drye, Tim Lang, Leo Maslan, Barbara McCarragher, Chantelle Orlen and Bob Widger.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns at your house, information for placing E911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our squad. We welcome new membership at any time. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Lawrence
President

Rescue Squad 2009

Cornish Rescue Squad experienced a busy year in 2009 responding to 126 calls. These calls included; medical, motor vehicle accidents, trauma, etc....Our members are certified by National Registry of EMT's and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. All levels; First Responder, EMT B, EMT I, and Paramedic levels must meet NREMT standards consisting of continuing education, and a 24 hour refresher and a practical exam every two years. These are the minimum standards that must be met in order to be recertified and licensed.

Lebanon Fire Department, Windsor Ambulance and Golden Cross Ambulance provide our towns with ambulance coverage. Ambulance coverage for Cornish and Plainfield is by contract between the two towns and the ambulance service.

We have completed a full year of being dispatched through Hanover Dispatch Center. We will continue to work with them to provide the best radio coverage possible in our communities.

Cornish Rescue Squad hosted a 2 day Auto Extrication class this past summer with members of the Cornish, Plainfield, Meriden and Canaan Fire Departments attending. This class was made possible with the financial support provided by our communities through our annual fund drive and funds appropriated at both Cornish and Plainfield Town Meeting. We thank all of you for your continued support.

Cornish Rescue Squad also sponsored an EMT class that was completed in the spring of 2009.

Your financial support also defrays the cost of the following:

- ⊗ building maintenance
- ⊗ annual maintenance/inspection of our rescue truck
- ⊗ insurance for our building/contents and rescue truck
- ⊗ updated protective clothing including new OSHA requirements
- ⊗ maintenance, repairs and replacement of our portable radios and pagers
- ⊗ maintenance of our medical equipment
- ⊗ annual dispatch fees
- ⊗ medical supplies for our members jump bags and for bags on the rescue truck
- ⊗ continuing education for our members

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In January 2010, at our monthly meeting, we will have had a change in officers. I will have served the allotted time as a Trustee which will mean turning over the Presidency to another member. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and the members of the squad for their support during the past 3 years. I will continue to serve as a member of the squad in my capacity as an EMT I.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns or information that might be useful to our members if the need arises, information for placing E911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our squad. We welcome new membership at any time. There are two levels of membership; 1. A **Class A** member who responds to calls as a certified and licensed First Responder or EMT and 2. A **Class B** member who does not respond to medical calls, but offers assistance with the operations of the Cornish Rescue Squad. You can reach us by call 675-2221.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Lawrence
President

Rescue Squad 2010

The all volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad is now entering its 37th year of continuous service. The highly trained squad members along with local ambulance services respond to all types of emergencies at any hour of the day or night. The squad also works closely with local fire departments to provide assistance during fires and other emergency situations.

For the year 2010, the squad has responded to 153 calls in the towns of Cornish and Plainfield.

The Cornish Rescue Squad sponsors Emergency Medical Technician Courses as well as technical training such as vehicle extrication throughout the year. At each of our monthly meetings, time is set aside for training. Additionally, squad members attend lectures at local area hospitals. Squad members thus stay up to date with the latest in emergency medical care.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is committed to providing the finest care we can render when you need it the most.

As always, if you have an emergency, call 911 immediately. Do not call family or friends. Any delay in receiving medical care can be very detrimental.

Cornish Rescue Squad members thank you for all the support you, as community members, have given us over all these years.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Jeffrey Katchen
President, Cornish Rescue Squad

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
2011

Dear Cornish Residents,

The all volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad is completing its 37th year of continuous service to the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. We respond to about 150 emergency calls a year in the 2 towns. Additionally, at times, we provide mutual aid service to surrounding towns.

All squad members are nationally certified emergency responders and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. This year, the squad has been fortunate to add several new members to our roster. Given the commitment it takes to become an emergency responder, we are indeed very happy to welcome these dedicated individuals.

The rescue squad maintains a well equipped rescue truck and provides each member with necessary equipment to stabilize injured and ill patients while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. This year, in addition to upgrading our emergency medical supplies, the squad has updated our communications capabilities.

The Cornish Rescue Squad wished to thank you for all the support you have provided throughout the years. Squad members are your friends and neighbors here to serve you at your time of need.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Jeffrey Katchen
President, Cornish Rescue Squad

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

2012

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad responded to 192 calls in 2012. The trend for calls, as in the past, are several in a row, followed by few or no calls for a period of time. Our calls varied from MV crashes to medical calls to supporting local fire departments at fire scenes.

We have several different levels of certification which include National Registry First Responders, EMT-B, EMT-I and Paramedics. Several of our members also have full time jobs in the medical field. We are licensed by the State of NH to practice at our certification level. Members are required to go through a recertification process every two or three years depending upon their level. The cost of recertification has increased over the years along with the continuing education required. This coincides with the requirements set by National Registry and the State of New Hampshire.

Our officers: Jim McCarragher, V. President and Trustee, Beth Clifton, Larry Dingee and Steve Jameson, Trustees; Chantelle Orlen, Treasurer and Dave Bridgham, Secretary.

Our members – some have been on the squad for 25+ years, while others joined last month.

FIRST RESPONDER

Christopher Chilton
Gary Chilton
Larry Dingee
Leo Maslan

EMT-B

Bobby Annis
Dave Bridgham
Margaret Drye
Rob Drye
Jeff Katchen
Ray Kendall
Robin Liston
Jim McCarragher
Paul Merchant
Trey Whalen
Bob Widger

EMT-I

Dale Lawrence
Chantelle Orlen
Sam Smith

PARAMEDIC

Beth Clifton
Jon Hackett
Steve Jameson

We also have several people who are our support behind the scenes as Class B members:

Justin Bennett, Barbara McCarragher, Fred Schad, Jenny Schad and Lacie Scheuer

We are always grateful for the support given by the residents of Cornish at Town Meeting and through our annual fundraiser. Your support allows us to continue to provide first responder (ahead of the ambulance), care to our friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 603.675.2002, or if you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at 603.469-3505 for more information.

Sincerely,
Dale H. Lawrence
President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
2013

The Cornish Rescue Squad is in its 38th year of service to the towns of Plainfield and Cornish. In the past 12 months, we have responded to approximately 180 calls for assistance. These calls include medical emergencies, car crashes, mutual aid to area Fire Departments, lift assists, welfare checks, etc...

Cornish is covered by both Golden Cross ambulance and Windsor Ambulance as the transporting units. They transport to Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Valley Regional Hospital, DHMC, Alice Peck Day or the VA. Transport is sometimes at the wishes of the patient but at times it is decided by the ambulance crew and the condition of the patient.

As the years have gone on, the requirements to maintain EMS certification have grown greatly as well as associated costs. At the present time, it costs approximately \$1,400.00 for each new member to obtain their initial certification and several hundred dollars for each existing member to keep updated every two years. This does not include equipping each responder and the rescue truck.

A portion of all funds the squad receives are put into savings to help build an account for future large expenditures. By doing this, we have always been able to fund all operations of the squad, as well as vehicle replacements without asking either of the towns for any additional funding, which for quite some time now has been at \$4,400.00 each.

We are always grateful for the support given by the residents of Cornish and Plainfield at both your Town Meetings and through our annual fundraiser. Your support allows us to continue to provide first responder care, ahead of the ambulance, to our friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (603)675-2002 or any member. If you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence

Dale H. Lawrence

President

OUR MEMBERS:

FIRST RESPONDER

Kelsie Atwater
Christopher Chilton
Gary Chilton
Larry Dingee
Leo Maslan

EMT-B

Bobby Amis
Dave Bridgman
Margaret Drye
Rob Drye
Nolan Hurley
Jeff Katzen
Ray Kimball

EMT-B cont ...

Robin Linton
Jim McCarragher
Paul Merchant
Lacie Schuett
Trey Whalen
Bob Widger

EMT-I

Dale Lawrence
Chantelle Orlan
Som Smith

PARAMEDIC

Beth Clifton
Jon Hackett
Steve Jameson

Cornish Rescue Squad
1974-2014
40 Years of Service to Cornish and Plainfield

Dear Members of the Cornish Community,

Thank you to members and friends of the Cornish community for the support shown during our annual fundraiser and the funds received by vote at your annual Town Meeting. Your financial support allows us to:

- update equipment (this year we will replace our auto extrication equipment)
- allow members to carry necessary medical supplies
- keep medical supplies updated and in stock on our rescue truck
- outfit members with protective clothing
- pay our operating costs

We are currently 23 members strong and continue to serve the two communities with first responder response prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Along with our medical calls, we provide mutual aid response and support to the Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments. We also provide mutual aid services when requested by other area agencies and coverage for the 3 days of the Cornish Fair. We are on call 24/7/365, members responded to 194 calls in 2014.

All members are Nationally Registered at their certification level and NH licensed. We are required to recertify every two years and have members at the First Responder, EMT B, EMT I and Paramedic level.

Please buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector's batteries at Day Light Savings times, and be safe!

Dial 911 in the event of an emergency be it, medical, fire or police related.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (603)675-2002 or Gary Chilton at (603)448-7688. If you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

2015

Dear Members of the Cornish Community:

We would like to thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts and at your annual Town Meeting. Through your generosity, we were able to:

- replace our auto extrication equipment
- update other equipment such as our suction machine and O2 regulators
- keep medical supplies updated and in stock for personnel and the rescue truck
- pay for operating costs
- register, inspect, insure and maintain our rescue truck

In 2015, our call volume increased by 20% as members of the squad responded to 232 calls.

We are currently 22 members strong and continue to serve the two communities with first responder response prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Along with our medical calls, we provide mutual aid response and support to the Plainfield, Cornish and Meriden Fire Departments. We also provide mutual aid response for other area agencies and coverage for the 3 days of the Cornish Fair.

All members are Nationally Registered at various certification levels and are NH licensed. We are required to recertify every two years and have members at the First Responder, EMT-B, EMT-I and Paramedic Levels.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact either myself (603)675-2002, or Gary Chilton, Vice President, at (603)448-7688.

If you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information.

Please buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector batteries at Daylight Savings times, and be safe! If you, or someone you know needs a smoke detector, please contact your local fire department.

DIAL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY BE IT MEDICAL, FIRE, OR POLICE RELATED.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence, President

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

2016

Dear Members of the Cornish Community,

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad would like to thank you for your support both financially through town funding and through individual donations. Funding and donations are used to pay insurances, dispatch fees, vehicle registrations/maintenance, building maintenance/utilities, supplies and outfitting our members with protective clothing and other miscellaneous costs.

We are currently 22 members strong and continue to serve communities of Cornish and Plainfield with first responder EMS response prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Although our call volume was down from last year, it has been another busy year responding to 196 calls. These calls include medical calls, lift assists, and motor vehicle crashes. We also provide mutual aid response and support to the Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments along with EMS coverage for the 3 day Cornish Fair and coverage at summer concerts at St. Gaudens National Historic Site.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please contact either me at (603)675-2002, or Vice President, Gary Chilton (603)448-7688.

If you are interested in becoming an EMR or EMT, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information. Training is offered through his company, Emergency Management and Training Associates, LLC.

PLEASE buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries at Daylight Savings times and be **SAFE**. If you need a smoke detector or batteries or help with an existing one, please feel free to contact either myself or a member of your town's fire department.

***DIAL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, BE IT MEDICAL, FIRE OR POLICE RELATED.**

***NH POISON CONTROL 1-800-222-1222**

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence, President

Gary Chilton, Vice President

**CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
2017**

Dear Members of the Cornish Community:

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad would like to thank you for your financial support through both town funding and individual donations. The funds are used to pay for insurance, dispatch fees, vehicle registration/maintenance, building utilities/maintenance, supplies, equipment, protective gear and training for our members along with other costs.

We have 18 active licensed responders ranging from Emergency Medical Responders to Paramedics, and we expect to add several newly licensed responders in 2018. We provide Emergency Medical Services to the towns of Plainfield and Cornish, working with transporting Ambulance services to provide EMS care for incidents including medical calls, lift assists, and motor vehicle accidents. We also provide scene support to the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments, and mutual aid support as required to neighboring towns. In addition to 2017's 164 calls for EMS service, we provide EMS coverage for events such as the 3 day Cornish Fair, and the summer weekly concert series at St. Gaudens' Natural Historic Site.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please contact President Gary Chilton at 603-448-7688 or Vice President Rob Drye at 603-675-9159.

If you are interested in becoming an EMR or EMT, please contact Jim McCarragher at 603-469-3505 for more information. Training is offered through his company, Emergency Management and Training Associates, LLC.

PLEASE buckle your seat belts, check the batteries in your Smoke and CO detectors and be SAFE! If you need help with your detectors, please contact us or your Fire Department.

DIAL 911 for any emergency, Medical, Fire or Police related.

NH Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

Sincerely,

Gary Chilton, President

Rob Drye, Vice President