

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

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*Charter Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad
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*(Left to Right) Joan Budgegroom, Marilyn Bourne, Bob Hayward, Ed Lawrence, Fern Lukina, Joe Lee,
Polly Reed, John Reed, Lucy Roak, Dale Smith, Shirley Sullivan (not shown)*

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

Eleven of these certified persons have formed the Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc.

(page 67 of this year's Annual Town Report gives information about this Corporation.)

The members thus far are:

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

In the event of an emergency at your home or elsewhere, the Cornish Rescue Squad can be reached by calling the Windsor Ambulance Service. They then call the Claremont Fire Dept. which sends a broadcast for medical aid over the Electron 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 could be on the scene within minutes of your call. There may be instances where the EMT would be all the aid you need, and their services are FREE!

The number to call if you are in need of Emergency Medical Aid is:

6 7 4 - 2 1 1 2

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 also supplied on an emergency bases free of charge to patients.

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Cornish will soon have emergency rescue squad

CORNISH — Twelve Cornish residents are enrolled in the Emergency Care and Transportation course at the New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College in Claremont. They will respond at the same time as the ambulance from Windsor and administer emergency treatment until the ambulance can arrive at the scene. In many cases, this saving of time could mean someone's life.

The course is being sponsored by the Emergency Medical Services, New Hampshire Division of Public Health. The cost to each student is \$25 plus the book for studies. The State of New Hampshire is paying an additional \$25 for each student.

The medical training includes such things as mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, splinting, extraction from automobiles and many other emergency treatments.

Upon completion of the course, the participants who pass will be certified Emergency Medical Technicians. They will form a joint rescue squad and hopefully will

This is all volunteer work and the group will raise their own monies for equipment and supplies. It is hoped that each EMT will eventually have an emergency kit in his possession at all times.

The Cornish Rescue Squad will hold its next meeting Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bob Hilliard. This will be an open meeting and it is hoped if any local residents are interested in the efforts of the group, that they will come and join in the discussion and planning.

Cornish Rescue Squad meets Windsor EMT unit

CORNISH — Twelve members of the newly formed Cornish Rescue Squad and three guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence Tuesday evening and journeyed to the Windsor Firehouse to meet with the Windsor E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technicians) members and acquaint themselves with the ambulance service.

They returned to the Lawrence home for a business meeting where it was voted to set up a booth at the Cornish Fair Aug. 16 and 17 to handle emergencies which might occur on the grounds.

Director of Newport Ambulance Service, Royal Wallace III was present and gave much information which will be helpful to the rescue members. Wallace is a New Hampshire Ambulance Commissioner and a E.M.T. instructor.

It was noted that another E.M.T. course would be available soon at Hanover with more details to be announced later. Supplies have been purchased and each E.M.T. member has in his possession a kit of emergency needs.

The film "Before the Emergency" is available for

viewing by any club or organization. Anyone interested may contact John Rand, 542-4672 or James Lukash, Meriden, 469-3413.

Mr. and Mrs. Lukash and Mrs. Rand of the Rescue Squad and Fred Sullivan, Cornish selectman attended the annual meeting of the BI Ambulance District held at the Claremont General Hospital, March 24.

The next meeting of the group will be held April 30 at the Fred Sullivan home.

Cornish Rescue Squad gets \$500 from fair group

By RUTH ROLLINS

CORNISH — The recently-formed Cornish Rescue Squad were given a donation of \$500 from the Cornish Fair Assn. at Monday's meeting. This is a real moral builder for the newly incorporated group. Previously the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cornish Fire Dept. had donated \$100 toward their efforts.

These donations will be used to purchase equipment and cover insurance costs.

The squad is now in service with the plectron radios and may be contacted by calling the Windsor Ambulance Service who in return call the Claremont Fire Dept. which sends a broadcast for medical aid over the Plectron Radio system to Cornish which is received by the Emergency Medical Technicians in their homes.

The town is served by the Windsor Ambulance Service and within the time it takes for them to reach whoever is in need of help it is possible that a EMT member could be on the scene much more immediately. The services of the members is free and the number to call if you are in need of Emergency Medical Aid is 674-2112.

The Rescue Squad is an independent organization and volunteers, whether it be in first aid assistance or fund raising and public relations persons are welcomed to become involved.

A committee will soon be contacting clubs and organizations in town to explain the function of the squad.

A fund raising endeavor by members was the raffling of a black and white portable television set. The lucky winner was drawn at the close of the town meeting Tuesday and Richard Day, Lebanon was the winner.

Saturday, March 9, 1974

Thursday, February 7, 1974

Cornish Squad adopts by-laws, elects trustees

CORNISH — At a special meeting of the Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc., bylaws were drawn up and five members were voted to the board of trustees.

Serving a three-year term will be Mrs. John Rand, president of the organization and James Lucash, vice president. Serving a two-year term will be Mrs. James Lucash, secretary-treasurer, and Edward Bourne Jr. with Robert Hilliard serving one year.

Several committees were formed with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rook and Mrs. Fred Sullivan as ways and means; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bourne Jr. and Mrs. Edwin Lawrence, publicity; Ed Lawrence and John Rand, ambulance committee. Serving on the program committee will be Mrs. Gerald Baillargeon, Matt Freidman and Hilliard, with Rand, Lawrence and Hilliard also on the by-laws committee.

It was voted to hold meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month and all persons interested are invited to join the group. The organization consists of Class A members, persons with a medical background such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians and persons with first aid qualifications. Class B membership includes any person willing to give a hand to the project, persons with no medical background. Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact Mrs. Rand at 542-4672.

Twelve Cornish residents graduated from the EMT course held recently at the New Hampshire Vocational Technical College, Claremont on Jan. 28. The course was sponsored by the Emergency

Medical Services of New Hampshire, Division of Public Health. The 72-hour course included many emergency treatments including cardio-pulmonary and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, measures to take in case of automobile accidents and bleeding, splinting and emergency childbirth.

Those persons becoming certified Emergency Medical Technicians at this time were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rook, Mr. and Mrs. John Rand, Mr. and Mrs. James Lucash, Ed Lawrence, Ed Bourne, Jr., Mrs. Fred Sullivan, Mrs. Gerald Baillargeon, John Hutchins and Karen Smith. Robert Hilliard received his EMT accreditation previously and will be aiding the group. The above persons may be called upon in case of any medical emergency in Cornish or the State of New Hampshire.

Members of the group are raffling a portable black and white television set to raise funds for the purchase of equipment, enabling each EMT member to have an emergency kit in his possession. The winner will be drawn March 5.

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTS
IN RECENT DROWNING MISSION

HARTLAND, VT.-- Last month when a tragedy occurred near Summer Falls between Hartland and Plainfield, which took the life of one boy, our own Cornish Rescue Squad became involved in their first major mission since the beginning of their operations.

The squad was called to assist in the rescue by the Hartland rescue squad along with the Plainfield Fire Department. Besides manning the boats on the river, the squad spent much time walking the 28 miles of river bank between Windsor and the Falls.

On Sunday, they returned to the scene with seven men and two boats. Instrumental in the mission from the squad were John Rand and Jim Lukash along with many other members taking part.

On Saturday, April 20, the squad had two boats and five men out helping to drag the river. In conjunction with the various fire departments and the squad was the Fish and Game Department headed by Richard Bryant, chief.

As of this printing, the fish and game department had tentatively ended its search except for checking once or twice a week.

It was a sad experience, but all of Cornish should be proud of our rescue unit for the way they handled this mission.

Cornish Hills Echo, v.1, issue 1, May 2, 1974

Cornish Rescue Squad to erect river signs

CORNISH — Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad held their monthly meeting Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan with 11 members present. A film on "Accident Behavior" was shown.

James Lucash, vice president of the group thanked all members for their efforts in the search for the body of a canoeist presumably drowned when his canoe overturned above Sumner's Falls, in the Connecticut River.

Squad members have contacted Jay Evans of Dartmouth College and have voted to make and erect a

warning sign upstream from the rapids, so that future canoeists may be warned and portage around this dangerous section, thus perhaps helping to avoid another tragedy. Greg Golstrom, a Dartmouth student will assist the Squad members in locating the exact position for this sign which will be maintained yearly by the group. Anyone wishing to donate toward this community cause may contact either Lucash or Ed Lawrence.

The Blow-Me-Down Showriders snowmobile club, donated \$200 to the Rescue Squad toward the cost of a

rescue sled to be used in case of emergencies in the woods. Squad members voted to equip the sled with first aid equipment necessary.

Cressy Goodwin of the Emergency Medical Service, Concord will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the group to be held May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Cornish School and the public is invited to attend.

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Cornish group posts warning sign

By RUTH ROLLINS

CORNISH — For several weekends members of the Cornish Rescue Squad have been building and painting two signs to be erected on both the Vermont and New Hampshire sides of the Connecticut River, up stream from Sumner Falls, a dangerous part of the river which has claimed several lives in the past.

Saturday another near disaster, when two young canoeists capsized on the falls and were rescued by a fisherman prompted members to rush the painting and finishing of the signs.

Several members erected two signs which are 8 feet by 8 feet in size and read "Danger Sumner Falls, 1/2 mile, Portage Right." One was placed on the property of Raymond White, North Hartland, and the other on property of Edgar Brandt on the Plainfield side.

Lettering on the signs was done by Mrs. Ed Bourne Jr., Mrs. Dale Rook, and Ed Lawrence, but many members did the actual building and painting of the signs which have a white background with fluorescent edgings and lettering.

Previously, Greg Goldstrom, a Dartmouth student, had shown members of the squad where the signs should be placed, Plywood to make the signs was donated by Johnson Home Center, West Lebanon.

Members would like to maintain these signs in the future and to do so hope more donations of plywood will become available, so that they may make more signs and store them ready to be erected if and when these need replacing in hopes that future mishaps in this spot on the river may be avoided.



FAIR WARNING POSTED — Lew Gage, right, and Jim Lukash, vice president of the Cornish Rescue Squad, post warning sign on the Plainfield side of the Connecticut River this week. — Sue Phillips photo

THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD A NEEDED ASSET TO CORNISH

CORNISH-- Last fall when Ed Lawrence, together with support from Dr. Matthew Friedman, initiated the idea of a rescue squad for Cornish, it was perhaps one of the best ideas this community has had in a long time. Today, the Cornish Rescue Squad is in operation and ready to serve the community.

Although they are still a ways away from being complete in the way they eventually want to be, because it still needs much equipment, more volunteers and much support from the community, however, despite these obstacles, it is ready to go-- at a moments call.

Some of the squad's main purposes other than to serve the community are having contact with the Windsor Fire Department, indeed a great asset. In addition, there are two classes: Class A, who are members with training as emergency medical technicians which is the same as ambulance drivers are. The rescue squad can get to an emergency much quicker in most cases than an ambulance, because members are from all parts of the town. In first aid, there are two members who are assistant fire chiefs one member with a radio in his car which is on the same frequency as the ambulance has; consequently, he can direct the ambulance to the scene. Another important asset is the squad's coordination with the snowmobile club. The snowmobile club has appropriated funds for a rescue sled which is at the disposal of the Cornish Rescue Squad. The squad will also be in coordination with the fish and game department as well as The Civil Air Patrol to further be of help in the community should a disaster occur. People in the area can benefit by the squad not only in the above mentioned but also by having someone to call in case of an emergency. Persons can help the squad through donations of money, equipment, in fund raising, publicity and through, we hope, their volun-

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teer services.

The squad meets the last Tuesday of each month and interested persons are welcome to attend- place and time of meetings will be published in "The Echo".

The Cornish Rescue Squad DOES NOT transport persons due to the lack of an ambulance of their own, but they do use private vehicles which are equipped with an adequate medical kit and they have at their disposal oxygen from the fire department as well as extracation equipment.

People involved in the rescue squad are comprised of two classes: Class A members are those with medical training- there are 11 EMT'S within the squad who have completed 71 hour courses and there is one doctor as a medical advisor. Class B members are those without medical training, but who do support the squad in publicity, fund raising and other much needed roles. The squad's services are free to anyone in the Cornish-Meriden area and anyone needing their services can contact them by calling the Windsor Fire Dept., their own ambulance number or 674-2112. The squad does request that anyone needing assistance please give EXACT information and directions. The service is based on a 24-hour basis.

Need we say much more about the Cornish Rescue Squad? It is indeed not only a valuable service but a much needed one in the community.

The squad is young and anyone wishing to help in any way may contact Mrs. Polly (John) Rand in Cornish. This publisher recently went with the squad to a meeting and saw not only some of the inside workings of this organization, but more than that, saw the intense enthusiasm of each member there- so lets get behind this newly formed organization in any way we can- after all YOU might be in need of it yourself someday. It is a worthwhile project and this paper thoroughly endorses it.

Cornish Rescue Squad holds training session

By RUTH ROLLINS

CORNISH — The Cornish Rescue Squad is made up of dedicated members, interested in the betterment of their community by providing a service previously unavailable to the town.

Saturday, several of these members plus MIT members from Hanover and Windsor gathered at the Cornish School for a morning session in correct "extrication" instruction. The group previously invited Cressy Goodwin from the Center Barnstead Ambulance Service to share his knowledge of extricating procedures with them as there is no one trained to give this course in the immediate area.

The 14-hour course taught both Saturday and Sunday provided members with the knowledge of knowing the necessary hand tools and how to use them to do the job properly in case of a serious automobile accident. Among other necessary training was basic emergency techniques in "back board" training.

An actual practice session each afternoon found men and women on a hillside in Cornish on property of Harold Morse who provided the group with a variety of vehicles, where they were acquainted with the mechanics of how a car is put together, how to remove car tops, windshields, door locks, and floor boards. Also, how to disconnect a steering wheel and what battery cable to disconnect to avoid short circuits, among a variety of other vital information pertaining to the removal of a patient in case the need arises.

Sunday afternoon the class was divided into two groups and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker's two children were invited to act as mock accident victims or patients. Members proceeded to go through the complete sequence of their training using the basic emergency techniques involving a combination of their previous training and the knowledge they had gained from the 14-hour extrication course.

Goodwin told the group many different situations might confront them and the primary focus is on the person who has been injured and how to remove them as safely as possible from a crashed vehicle.

Goodwin stated that Cornish had a very motivated and dedicated group of citizens involved in the program, as Cornish Rescue Squad

members. He also praised Royal Wallace, New Hampshire Ambulance Commissioner and EMT instructor who also serves as Director of the Newport Ambulance Service for being very instrumental in putting together a good program to help communities in rescue work. Goodwin is a registered EMT member and Director of Emergency Medical Services for the State of N. H.

John Chamberlain, coordinator of the Intermediate EMT Paramedic Training, was also in attendance at the Saturday session.

Several members met on Saturday evening to gain knowledge of strapping techniques in case of back injuries also taught by Goodwin.

Those persons attending the sessions were Mrs. John Rand, Ed Lawrence, James Lucash, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rook, Joan Ballargeon, Shirley Sullivan, Bob Hilliard and Lew Gage. Also Raymond Seeley and Joan Kendall, Windsor and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker, Hanover. Walker is administrator of the Medics Program at Dartmouth College.

Matt Friedman, Pam Lucash, John Rand and Lorraine Lawrence observed different parts of the two-day session.

Further training and education will be provided by Dick Bryant, conservation officer at a meeting for Rescue Squad members held June 11.

Wednesday, January 22, 1975

Cornish Rescue Squad Provides Area Services

CORNISH — On Feb. 14, 1974, the Cornish Rescue Squad was incorporated and has grown since then from 14 members to over 20.

The squad is a voluntary organization set up to help anyone in an emergency. They will respond at any time of the

day or night, free of charge, to residents of Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden.

Anyone in need of help due to accident, illness, injury or missing persons may call the Windsor Ambulance at 675-2112 and ask for the Cornish Rescue Squad. Members will then be notified of the emergency through a plectron communication system.

The unit consists of Class "A" and Class "B" members.

Class "A" members include men and women who have taken a minimum of 72 hours of emergency medical training. Most members have also taken a 14-hour automobile extrication course and a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and Basic Life Support Emergency Procedure refresher course.

With continued further training in specialized fields, the Squad hopes to be prepared to handle emergencies of all kinds.

Class "B" members are those without medical training, but who help out in other ways such as publicity and fund-raising. The Rescue Squad also cooperates with the Civil Air Patrol, Fish & Game Department, state and local police, snowmobile club and Windsor Ambulance.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is an independent, non-profit corporation, not dependent on the town for financial aid. Consequently, it is dependent upon donations of money and equipment and fund-raising activities. Because it is a non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible.

The first annual meeting of the squad will be Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornish School. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

Polly Rand elected by Cornish squad

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CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish rescue squad held an election of officers at their recent annual meeting.

Polly Rand was re-elected president, James Lucash, vice president and Pam Lucash, secretary-treasurer. Robert Hilliard was re-elected trustee for a three-year term and Lew Gage was elected to fill out a one year term as trustee.

At present the squad has nine registered emergency medical technicians with five more members presently

taking the course held at Hanover, N.H. During December 11 members completed the cardio pulmonary resuscitator course.

Squad members answered approximately 20 emergency calls in 1974. New members to help on committees and fund raising projectes are welcome.

The next meeting of the Cornish rescue squad will be held Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornish School.

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EAGLE-TIMES Claremont, N.H. Springfield, Vt.

Cornish Rescue Squad slates annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Cornish Rescue Squad will be held Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornish School.

Since February 1974 when the squad was incorporated, the unit has grown from 14 to 20 members. It is a voluntary organization with members responding to any emergency,

day or night and free of charge to residents of Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden. Anyone in need of help due to accident, illness, injury or missing persons, may contact the Windsor Ambulance Service at 675-2112 and ask for the Cornish Rescue Squad. Members are then notified of

the emergency through the electron communication system.

Class "A" members have taken the minimum of a 72-hour course in emergency medical training and most of the members have also taken the automobile extraction course and a CPR (car-

diopulmonary resuscitation) and Basic Life Support Emergency Procedure refresher courses. The squad will continue further training in specialized fields to prepare for emergencies of all kinds.

Class "B" members are those persons without medical training, but who assist in

many other ways, such as publicity and fund-raising. The squad is an independent, non-profit corporation.

Immediately afterward the squad organized several Sunday work sessions and placed a sign on the river to help canoeist avoid this type of tragedy.



FIREMAN — Edwin G. Lawrence of Cornish has been associated with volunteer fire departments for 25 years. A telephone company employe, Lawrence sells and repairs fire trucks in his spare time. (News photo — Brad Hills).

Edwin G. Lawrence

Life On The Line

By BRAD HILLS
CORNISH — Dartmouth Savings Bank President Elden J. Murray owes his life to Edwin G. Lawrence of Cornish.
"There's no question in my mind that if Ed hadn't been on the spot I wouldn't be here today," says the Hanover banker.
Lawrence, an installer-repairman with New England Telephone-Lebanon area was the Hanover-Lebanon area was walking out of Hopkins Center Dec. 17 when he heard a crash. Running to the scene of the

unconscious in his car, with neither pulse nor respiration. "I pulled him out of the car and gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) until the ambulance arrived," says Lawrence of the heart seizure victim, who has since recovered and his back to work. "But I couldn't have done it without that Hanover ambulance crew," he says modestly.

Rescue Squad
Lawrence was qualified to
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Valley Profile —

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perform his life-saving act because he is a member of the Cornish Rescue Squad Inc., which was incorporated a year ago last month.

The squad, of which Lawrence is liason officer, now has 11 emergency medical technicians and eight more who will complete the 72-hour state course on emergency medical treatment this month.

The unit supports the local Windsor Ambulance Service.

"It was formed because of the traveling time Windsor needs to get over here," explains Lawrence. "We decided it would be best to have someone on the scene before Windsor arrived."

"Actually, without the squad I probably wouldn't have gone through the training," he notes.

The 42-year-old Lawrence, A Navy veteran, came to Cornish from his native Massapequa, N.Y., in 1966.

"I decided it wasn't a place to raise my kids," he says. "Since I was basically a country boy from Long Island, I enjoyed moving back to the country."

"We travelled all over the state before finally deciding to settle in this area," he adds.

He will have been with the telephone company for 20 years in October.

Something he has been

connected with even longer is fire departments.

"I've been a fireman for 25 years," he says. "Always been a volunteer — although the department I came from in Massapequa responded to 1,400 calls a year. It was a volunteer department but pretty busy. Cornish has about 20 to 25 a year."

Assistant Chief

He is assistant chief of the 36-member, coed (there are seven women firefighters including Lawrence's wife Lorraine) Cornish Volunteer Fire Department.

Lawrence sells fire trucks as a sideline job.

He'll purchase old fire trucks out of the New York City area, where road salt has not damaged them, bring them to Cornish, rebuild the pumps and sell them. He does this about four or five times a year.

He has rebuilt the pumps on the Meriden and Cornish trucks and has sold other fire engines to towns in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

He has also sold new trucks for various companies. Currently he is representing the Pierce Fire Aparatus Co.

"I sold Hanover Engine 3 and it's still on the road so I'll admit to it," he says.

He operates the Upper Valley Fire Equipment Co. out of his home.

Why sell fire trucks?
"Somebody's got to do it," he answered.

Cornish Fair

Lawrence has been active in the Cornish Fair Association since arriving in Cornish, serving on the Fair's board of directors since 1967 and twice, in 1971 and 1972, being its president.

"I just felt the Cornish Fair was something I'd like to get involved in and I did" he says. "I enjoy seeing the money go back to the town in terms of various projects."

The Lawrences have five children, Jim, 18, is a third class petty officer in the Navy; Eddie, 17, is a senior at Stevens High School in Claremont, 14-year-old twin girls Dale and Diana are freshmen at Stevens Annex and Patty, 7, is in the second grade at the Cornish School.

The family is raising two beef steers in the back of their Town House Road home and another is already 'in the freezer.' Lawrence admits he's raising beef because he "never acquired a taste for venison."

He's a member of the town's bicentennial committee, likes to ski four and spends a lot of time working on his house.

"That's my hobby," he says. "Most of my time goes into the home."



AWARD FOR HEROISM — Edwin Lawrence, right, of Cornish received the Theodore N. Vail bronze medal from New England Telephone vice president Harold R. Dann in ceremonies in Hanover June 27. Lawrence, a telephone installer-repairman, helped save a heart attack victim's life last December, and was given one of the telephone industry's highest awards for heroism in recognition of his quick action.

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER
SAVES HANOVER MAN'S LIFE

HANOVER, N.H.- Just before the Christmas holidays, a member of the Cornish Rescue Squad, Ed Lawrence, saved a man's life in Hanover by administering CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) immediately after he had suffered a heart attack.

Ed and other members of the Squad had just recently completed a CPR training seminar. On completion of this seminar, those members attending were certified in External Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Basic Life Support Emergency Procedure.

Our thanks to Ed and the other members of the Cornish Rescue Squad for taking the time to train and prepare themselves for such emergency situations. Hopefully this dedicated group of men and women won't have to put into practice what they have trained for in our town, but it's comforting knowing that if the situation should arise, that we do have the Rescue Squad available.

Cornish man wins Bell award for heroism

Monday, July 7, 1975

CORNISH, N.H. — There's a Hanover, N.H. man who would assure anyone that Edwin Lawrence is a good man to have around in an emergency.

Last December 17 Lawrence, a Cornish, N.H. resident and New England Telephone installer-repairman, was instrumental in saving the man's life after a heart attack caused him to lose control of his car and ram a parked taxi.

And, in recognition for his quick action and emergency aid, Lawrence was awarded

one of the telephone industry's highest awards for bravery — the Theodore N. Vail bronze medal — in ceremonies in Hanover June 27. Lawrence also received a check for \$750 from the company and a framed citation.

New England Telephone vice president operations Charles E. Hugel presented Lawrence with the medal. Harold R. Dann, vice president-personnel, Richard A. Kingsbury, general manager — New Hampshire and Joseph F. Carroll, general

plant manager — New Hampshire also took part in the ceremonies.

The idea for the medal was conceived 50 years ago as a permanent tribute to the standards of service set by Vail, the first AT&T president.

New England Telephone was awarded more than 125 Vail medals since that time, in bronze, silver and gold.

The incident for which Lawrence was honored occurred when he and a fellow installer were walking to their vans late that December

afternoon. Lawrence saw the car go out of control.

"It was instinct, I guess, which made me run over to the car," he recalls, "and I saw a man slumped over the steering wheel. It looked as though his foot had wedged against the accelerator."

While Lawrence pulled the unconscious man from the car, his coworker had blocked the accident area with his van and began directing traffic around the scene.

Lawrence then put to use years of emergency first aid

training and began giving the man mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while he also applied external heart massage.

After several minutes, the man began to respond and an ambulance arrived. Lawrence assisted firemen in placing the stricken man in the ambulance.

The man survived the heart attack and has since returned to work.

"I knew instantly I had to help that man," Lawrence said, "and it gives me a good

feeling to know he is still alive.

No one ever thinks about being a hero at a time like that — you just act."

Much of Lawrence's emergency medical training was gained from his 22 years as a volunteer fireman with the Hanover Fire Department. He was one of the founders of the Cornish Rescue Squad in February 1974 and is active today in both groups. Lawrence also received first aid training from New England Telephone.

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
ANNUAL MEETING
By VIRGINIA GAGE

1975

The first annual meeting of the Cornish Rescue Squad was held at the Cornish school, January 28 with 15 people in attendance. Polly Rand, President, presided. Minutes from the last meeting held Nov. 26 were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was read.

Next Lew Gage gave a report as representative appointed by the town selectmen to Ambulance District B-1. A letter written by Mr. Gage and Ed Lawrence, Rescue Squad Representative to District B-1, to the Director of Emergency Medical Services in Concord was read. In essence, the letter requested that the annual meeting of District B-1, normally set for sometime in January but not scheduled for this year, be held. As it is important for Cornish to be represented at Ambulance District meetings, this problem will be looked into further.

Discussion on the Cornish Fair Booth was the next order of business. Ed Lawrence, who represented the Squad at the fair, association meeting recently, explained where the Rescue Squad's booth, State Emergency Van, and first aid station would be located. Discussion followed on the feasibility of more than one first aid station perhaps to be located closer to the cattle barns and chain saw competitions. The snowmobile sled is just about completed. A communication system was discussed. The Cornish Rescue Squad has been informed by the Cornish Volunteer Fire Dept. that it is to respond at fires only if asked by Chief Duane Allen to do so.

Next on the agenda was the course for first aid instructors to be given in Claremont sometime in the future. Three members were interested in the course. Lew Gage informed members that the signs the Squad put up on the Connecticut River last spring were in good condition but should be repainted. Ed Lawrence told of the meeting recently with the Civil Air Patrol in Claremont. Some members of the Civil Air Patrol will be attending the Squad's meeting in February. Discussion followed on the CPR course some members took in December.

The next order of business was two By-Law changes regarding the Board of Trustees. Both motions were passed. Changes in the Corporation's Rules were next. Some of these changes were to increase the dues to \$2 per member per year, attendance expected by members at Squad meetings, and

procedures to be followed during emergencies. Motion was made and passed on all changes brought before members.

Polly Rand then read a letter to the Squad from Daniel Poor, principal of the Cornish Elementary School. Mrs. Rand stated that the Visiting Nurses needed more members to represent Cornish. Along this same line, Dan Poor explained the job of the Sullivan County Homemaker's Service. The Squad has been given wrist bands to be used at emergencies. The annual report was accepted by members. The different Rescue Squad committees were discussed. Members were asked to sign up for them.

The election of officers was the next order of business. Bob Hilliard was elected for a 3-year term on the Board of Trustees and Lew Gage, elected for a 1-year term. Officers for the Corporation for the coming year were:

Polly Rand, President; Jim Lukash, Vice President; Pam Lukash, Secretary/Treasurer. All officers were unanimously elected.

This concluded the meeting, but I would like to make a few personal comments regarding it. I felt Polly Rand conducted the meeting in a very businesslike manner. Almost every member took active participation in the meeting. From a personal observation, I think the Squad needs more Class B members. With refresher courses and other duties that are exclusively for Class A members, it's almost impossible for these members to handle committees such as publicity, refreshments, and fund-raising. With more Class B members (members without medical training) Class A members can concentrate on their EMT training and duties. As with most organizations, donations of any amount are always needed. Both Class A and Class B members are hard-working, dedicated men and women who are a benefit to our town. Let's give them our support.

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER
SAVES HANOVER MAN'S LIFE

HANOVER, N.H.- Just before the Christmas holidays, a member of the Cornish Rescue Squad, Ed Lawrence, saved a man's life in Hanover by administering CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) immediately after he had suffered a heart attack.

Ed and other members of the Squad had just recently completed a CPR training seminar. On completion of this seminar, those members attending were certified in External Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Basic Life Support Emergency Procedure.

Our thanks to Ed and the other members of the Cornish Rescue Squad for taking the time to train and prepare themselves for such emergency situations. Hopefully this dedicated group of men and women won't have to put into practice what they have trained for in our town, but it's comforting knowing that if the situation should arise, that we do have the Rescue Squad available.

Dec. '74

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CORNISH RESIDENTS ATTENDING EMT  
COURSE IN HANOVER, N.H.

CORNISH-On October 28th eight Cornish residents started the Emergency Medical Training Program in Hanover. There are 16 Monday night lecture sessions taking place at Kellogg's Auditorium, Dartmouth Medical School which are being lectured by doctors and parenetics.

There will also be seven workshops sessions conducted by EMT Bob Hilliard where students will be able to put into practice what they have been taught. At the conclusion of the courses members will be trained as EMT's and they will also receive their advanced First Air Cards.

Residents attending are Lewis Gage, Mary Decatur, Jim and Ginny Hunt, Susan Mitsler, Scott Kearns, Kenneth Lind and Dan Poor.

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## Woman hurts back in fall

CORNISH, N.H. — A Cornish woman was in satisfactory condition at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N.H. following a 10 foot fall from a hayloft last Sunday, hospital officials said.

According to Polly Rand, president of the Cornish Rescue Squad, Mrs. Donald Saunders, Cornish Flat, fell from the loft while she and her husband were hauling a ball of wire into the loft.

The Cornish Rescue Squad arrived first on the scene after the 12:30 accident and Mrs. Saunders was taken to Mary Hitchcock by the Windsor Ambulance Service.

She reportedly suffered back injuries.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thursday July 3 1975

# Cornish Rescue Squad does top job

### To the Editor:

This last week I had occasion to witness the personnel of the Cornish Rescue Squad in action and was greatly impressed by their work. I was visiting a friend in Cornish when a woman in the house collapsed and we thought she was having a heart attack.

With the help of the telephone operator, the Cornish Fire Dept. was contacted and within minutes the members of the rescue squad began arriving. As each one arrived they went about their job in a quiet most professional manner, attending the patient, getting needed information, contacting the ambulance service, and traffic control.

One of the members even rode in the ambulance to the hospital and his wife

took the patient's husband over with her. Later this same couple came to the house to see if there was anything further they could do.

It is possible that these people saved a life this week and personally I think that is something to be grateful for. The people of Cornish can be thankful that this group of people are living (in the full sense of the word) in their town.

These men and women seem to be available at any time of the day or night and willing to leave their families, their dinner tables, drop their personal plans, etc. at a moments notice to go to the aid of someone who needs their help.

I, for one, feel that these people should receive a public thank you. We seem to hear so much about the bad things that

happen and not so much about the good and I would like to express my admiration for the people in the Cornish Rescue Squad.

Thank you for letting me speak my piece.

Beverley Boardman

Claremont



# Cornish Rescue Squad booth wins

CORNISH, N. H. — Cornish Fair grounds found many attractive booths adorning the grounds following the theme "American Heritage."

First place winner of \$75 prize money was the Cornish Rescue Squad. Second place went to the Cornish Youth Group and third the Cornish Parent Teachers Association.

In the craft department at the fair, with Mrs. Nellie Haynes as chairman there was a wide variety of exhibits. Blue ribbon winners were many. George Edson placed first in the whittled and carved division exhibiting an Indian head made from wood used at the 1974 Woodsmen's contest. Art Williams, Yarmouth Post, Mass. earned a first for a cherry silver chest exhibited.

David Smith, Meriden won first place for an automotive body and Tommy Haynes first for the best project exhibited by a youngster under 14.

First place winners in the ceramic class were Penny McConnel, Meriden, Roberta Jordon, Cornish, Terry Rogers, Plainfield, with Paul LaFlame, and Debbie Slack and Joyce Titus, Charlestown winning first prizes in the under 14 age level.

Winners in the jewelry

exhibit were Barbara Rogers, Keene, Rosi Rondeau, Plainfield, Penny McConnel, Merinda Townsend and Gretchen Taylor, Meriden. Ruth Beland, Claremont received a blue ribbon for a cutting board she displayed and Barbara Rogers for a stenciled tray exhibited.

First place for the child's best theme exhibit went to Heidi Townsend, Lebanon for her candle scones.

Other exhibitors winning

blue ribbons and award money were many in the classes of macrame decoupage, candles, toys, stained glass, sculptures, string art, and many other crafts. Among them were Martha Tobin, Plainfield, John Arnold, Judy Haynes, Tammie Lique, Amy Keane, Angela Lepitre, Tommy Haynes, Stephen Fitch, J. Ernest Green, Mrs. Potvin, Scott Baker and James Vaughn, Claremont.

Nick Anderson, North Walpole received first for a collection of sea shells and patients at the Sullivan County Hospital received first for their seed plaques. Other winners were Heidi Townsend, Dwight Townsend and Leddie Redcliffe, Lebanon, P.D. Barton, Kathy Lockwood and Terry Rogers, Windsor.

Diana and Dale Lawrence, Ricky Poor, Robin Beauregard, Barbara Welch, Cornish, David Smith, Meriden, Barbara Rogers, Keene, Danna Pealer, West Virginia and Mrs. E. Parkinson, Fairlee, Vt., Thelma Bretton and Michele Mehan were also blue ribbon winners who took home prize money at the 1975 two-day event.

The crafts department at

the fair also included many demonstrators including Betsy Christy and Mrs. Isabelle Barden who demonstrated the art of macrame and Merinda Townsend showing wool spinning. Heidi Townsend did wool carding and winding. Mrs. Mildred Hoyt, showed quilt making. All are from Lebanon.

Rug hooking and needlepoint was demonstrated by Marion McLeod, Acworth, with leather tooling done by Susan McLeod, Acworth. Demonstrators from Charlestown included Judy Chandler demonstrating both macrame and acrylic painting. Beth Jenkins demonstrating the art of crewel work, and quilt embroidery, also George Titus demonstrated chair caning.

Also demonstrating chair caning was David Clark, Alstead. Eighty-four year old, Fred Blaine, Enfield once again demonstrated wood carving, he has attended the fair many years.

per case.

Vally News 8/18/78

'Emergency' On



## Rescue squad holds annual meeting

CORNISH — Daniel Poor, principal of Cornish School was elected president of the Cornish Rescue Squad at their annual meeting held Tuesday evening. Robert Hilliard was elected as vice-president and Scott Kearns will continue as treasurer. Cheryl Jordan, Plainfield, was voted to be the new secretary.

Replacing Scott Kearns and Polly Rand on the Board of Trustees will be Dale Rook and David Chellis. Chellis is

the son of Frank Chellis, Meriden, owner of the Meriden Telephone Company. Hilliard, Poor and Lewis Gage outgoing president will stay on the board.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is a member of Ambulance District A6 and Gage reported that the squad would soon be receiving a portable radio and six plectrons, to aid in their rescue work, from the district. A purchase of well over \$1,500. Previously the squad received some items from the district. All this equipment remains property of the federal government and is accounted for annually by the squad.

The squad began its first capital fund raising drive in August and Gage reported that over \$4,000 had been given over the past five months. The members have been more than appreciative and feel the funds will bring better service to the communities of Cornish and Plainfield.

Under the tenure of Gage a fairly effective working situation has been worked out with the Windsor Ambulance Service and the squad. The squad members have filled in at the ambulance service on a number of occasions. A much closer relationship has also been worked out with the Cornish Fire Department also. Making the work of both departments more effective.

Also during the past year an arrangement has been made with the selectmen of Plainfield to extend the squads services to that town. A new reserve rescue vehicle, equipped with 1,000 watt floodlights and a 3,000-watt generator was also acquired by the group last summer.

The squad, which has given three years of service to the community, has practiced mock emergency drills, search and rescue work, cardiopulmonary splinting, rock repelling and backboard removal of injured persons among many other aspects of learning everything

necessary to provide this service.

The new officers plan to continue the close relationships worked out with other communities, including the Claremont Fire Dept. which helps in dispatching calls.

The squad is contacted by calling the Windsor Ambulance Service, which who in turn calls the Claremont Fire Dept. which relays the emergency call through the use of Plectron systems located in the members home, with one Plectron located at the Cornish School office also. Cornish fire calls are also relayed by the Claremont department.

## CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

The Cornish Rescue Squad serves the people of Cornish, Meriden, and Plainfield in cooperation with the ambulance services in Windsor and Lebanon. It also works in support of all other emergency services in your Town - Fire Department, Police Department, and Civil Defense.

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad have completed several thousands of hours of training, including the 81-hour course leading to certification as Emergency Medical Technicians. They are trained to provide basic life support and to prepare a patient for transportation to an appropriate hospital. They also are trained in search and rescue procedures and in techniques for extricating people from automobile accidents.

Each member of the Rescue Squad carries a "jump kit" equipped with medical supplies. The Squad's Light Duty Rescue Vehicle carries oxygen and suction equipment, splints, and extrication equipment. It also carries a 10 kw generator and several 500 watt spotlights. Two-way radio equipment on the Rescue Vehicle and in some individual vehicles are in communication with area emergency services.

Because members of the Rescue Squad live in the area it serves, they are frequently able to arrive at the scene of an emergency well in advance of the ambulance.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is a private, non-profit corporation financed by donations and fund-raising projects. Your support is most appreciated.



In An

Emergency



*Please Read This*

*To Help Us*

*Help YOU!*

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD  
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Serving:

Cornish  
Meriden  
Plainfield



An injury, a heart attack, a fire, a break-in, an auto accident. . . suddenly you need emergency help, help that is only a phone call away. Give the dispatcher exact information about the kind of emergency and the address where help is needed. Stay on the phone until the dispatcher tells you he has all the information he needs. He will then contact the right emergency service and get help on its way to you immediately.

In a medical emergency, the dispatcher will send the ambulance that serves your Town on its way. He will also call out members of the Cornish Rescue Squad who will respond directly to the scene of the emergency and provide medical care in preparation for transportation to the hospital. A member of the Cornish Rescue Squad often will ride as an extra attendant on the ambulance on the trip to the hospital.

A modern ambulance is not just a fast vehicle with a siren and flashing lights, racing a patient to the hospital. It is a vital part of the area's health care system. It is a vehicle specially designed and staffed to give the right kind of emergency care at the scene and on the way to the hospital.

Ambulance drivers and attendants are skilled personnel. They have the experience and know-how to make important decisions about the methods of rescuing, treating and handling a patient. If a patient is badly hurt, they will try to stabilize his body condition right at the scene, using all the life support equipment available to them. They position his body carefully, carry him to the ambulance, and drive him to the hospital as carefully as possible.

Through two-way radios, the ambulance can communicate directly with the hospitals in this area, relating vital information about the patient's condition to the doctor on duty in the Emergency Room. This way, the hospital staff will be prepared when the patient arrives.

## CORNISH

Ambulance/Rescue Squad 674-2112  
Fire Department 542-4241  
Constables can be reached at their home phone numbers.

## PLAINFIELD

Ambulance/Rescue Squad < 448-1133  
448-3333  
Fire Department 448-1212  
Police Department 675-6833

## MERIDEN

Ambulance/Rescue Squad < 448-1133  
448-3333  
Fire Department 448-1212  
Police Department 469-3333

## HANOVER - (MHMH)

Poison Control Center 643-4000

1. Keep calm at all times.
2. Tell the dispatcher the exact type of emergency.
3. Give detailed directions for finding the patient. Turn on several lights at night. Watch for the arrival of the Rescue Squad and Ambulance.
4. Let the patient know help is coming.
5. Keep air (breathing) passages open.
6. Keep the patient lying down and warm (but not overheated.)
7. In case of bleeding, hold a tight compress over the area. DO NOT USE A TOURNIQUET.
8. Do not move the patient unless absolutely necessary.
9. Give the first trained person to arrive all details you have about the patient's condition.

## WHILE WAITING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Get all people out of the house and gathered in one place.
2. DO NOT GO BACK INTO A BURNING BUILDING!
3. If possible, close all doors and windows.
4. Tell the first fireman to arrive whether everyone is out of the building or not.

## PRACTICE PREVENTATIVE FIRST AID

Learn what to do, and what not to do, in an emergency by enrolling in a first aid course. The Cornish Rescue Squad has members who are trained as instructors in First Aid and in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).



# CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

CORNISH FLAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

03746

August 1, 1976

Dear Neighbor,

The Cornish Rescue Squad has entered its third year of service to the residents of Cornish and recently entered into an agreement with the Plainfield Selectmen for service to Plainfield and Meriden. We work in support of and in cooperation with all of the emergency services working in these Towns -- Ambulance, Fire, Police, Civil Defense, and New Hampshire Fish and Game.

To improve the quality of our present care, we have started a Capital Fund Drive to purchase and equip a light duty, equipment carrying, rescue vehicle. A list of the equipment we hope to purchase for this vehicle follows this letter. As the equipment list indicates, our goal in this Fund Drive is \$25,000. To date, donations and pledges total \$1,742. (Without slighting our other generous donors, we think special notice should be made that \$137 of this total came from the Cornish School Class of 1976.) This Fund Drive Goal may seem like a great deal of money, but our ability to respond to the scene of an emergency with the best possible equipment and care could be a matter of life or death for a member of your family, a neighbor, or a friend.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is a private, non-profit corporation funded by donations and fund-raising projects. Your contribution now, and/or your pledge for future donations will be much appreciated. If you would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact our President, Lew Gage (542-4664) or Vice-President, Dan Poor (675-6805). We shall assume that your cancelled check is your receipt unless you indicate that you would like a receipt directly from us.

We have prepared the enclosed brochure both to tell you about how we operate and to provide your family with valuable information about how to get help in any sort of emergency. We hope you will read it carefully and keep it handy for future reference.

Sincerely yours,

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad

Lew Gage, President, Trustee  
Dan Poor, Vice-President, Trustee  
Ginny Hunt, Secretary  
Scott Kearns, Treasurer, Trustee  
Bob Hilliard, Trustee  
Polly Rand, Trustee

Joan Baillargeon  
Mary Decatur  
Buddy Fitch  
Jim Hunt  
Ed Lawrence  
Jim Lukash

Pam Lukash  
John Rand  
Dale Rook  
Judy Rook  
George Aldrich  
Lorraine Lawrence

## EQUIPMENT LIST

|                                                                                            |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| A. ONE (1) TON UTILITY TRUCK with 10kw generator,<br>flood lights, emergency lights, siren | \$1,525.00    |
| Accessory Equipment:                                                                       |               |
| New Lettering                                                                              | 250.00        |
| 10,000 pound winch                                                                         | 550.00        |
| Seven (7) new mud and snow tires                                                           | 400.00        |
| Generator Overhaul                                                                         | <u>250.00</u> |

TOTAL VEHICLE COSTS

\$2,975.00



**B. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Low Band Mobile Radio              | \$ 850.00       |
| 3 High Band Mobile Radios            | 3,000.00        |
| 1 Hear Radio Adaptor                 | 250.00          |
| 1 Ten Channel Scanner                | 200.00          |
| 2 Portable High Band Portable Radios | <u>1,000.00</u> |

**TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT****\$5,300.00****C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

|                                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Robertshaw Resuscitator w/ 30 minutes Oxygen | 600.00       |
| 1 Portable Suction Unit                        | 400.00       |
| 2 "Hope" Ambu Bags, Infant & Adult             | 320.00       |
| 2 MSA Air Packs                                | 1,200.00     |
| 2 Hare Traction Splints, Pediatric & Adult     | 250.00       |
| 1 Scoop Stretcher                              | 200.00       |
| 2 Trauma "Jump" Kits                           | 560.00       |
| 1 Cardio-Beeper                                | 450.00       |
| 2 Obstetrical Kits                             | 20.00        |
| 4 Wool Blankets                                | <u>70.00</u> |

**TOTAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT****\$4,070.00****D. EMERGENCY RESCUE EQUIPMENT**

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Ten Ton Porta-Power                   | 400.00       |
| 1 Air Cutter Tool                       | 200.00       |
| 2 K-Bar Pry Tools                       | 100.00       |
| 1 K-12 Rescue Saw                       | 500.00       |
| 1 20 kvw Bolt Cutter                    | 75.00        |
| 4 Sets Bunker Gear                      | 400.00       |
| 4 Portable Floodlights                  | 200.00       |
| 4 Portable Handlights                   | 200.00       |
| 500' 12/3 Electric Cord, Assorted Sizes | 350.00       |
| 1 Tool Box, equipped                    | 150.00       |
| 20' Fire Extension Ladder               | 250.00       |
| 2 Snatch Blocks                         | 175.00       |
| 2 Block & Tackle                        | 60.00        |
| 300' 1/2" Nylon Rope, Assorted Lengths  | 75.00        |
| 300' 3/4" Nylon Rope, Assorted Lengths  | 75.00        |
| 25' 5/8" Chain                          | 125.00       |
| 2 Five Ton Screw Jacks                  | 100.00       |
| 2 Pick & Shovel Sets                    | 75.00        |
| 2 Wheel Chucks                          | <u>40.00</u> |

**TOTAL EMERGENCY RESCUE EQUIPMENT****\$3,550.00**

**E. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, principal to be used for future equipment needs, income to be applied to operating expenses of the Rescue Squad**

**\$9,105.00****TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DRIVE****\$25,000.00**

# **FOUNDERS OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**

**Ed Bourne**

**Ed Lawrence**

**Jim and Pam Lukash**

**John and Polly Rand**

**Dale and Judy Rook**

**Shirley Sullivan**

**information supplied by Jim and Pam Lukash, October, 2017**

# Cornish Rescue Squad has top float at fair

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad took top prize money in the floats division of the Cornish Fair parade held Saturday afternoon, with their depiction of Heidi.

"A Salute to Disney Movies," by the Cornish Fire Department placed second, and Alice in Wonderland by the Cody's Kids 4-H Club, Sunapee, earned third place. Coming in fourth was "Old Man of the Sea" by Mooselaube Grange, Haverhill.

Jimmy Zullo earned first place as Grizzly Adams in the children's division as did Dawn Cushing as Aphrodites from the Clash of the Titans.

Michelle and Debbie Muse also placed first as Mary Poppins and Darth Vader from Star Wars. A group of youngsters including Devin and Rachel Hamel, Shannon and Hilliary LeDeu, Nicky Marcotte and Kathy Litevich placed first as characters from Clash of the Titans also.

Second place winners were Terri Zullo, as the Wizard of Oz; Jason and Jeremy Hamel as "The Klingons" from Star Trek; Kristy DePoyster from the Aristocrats and Timmy Rand as Superman.

The parade was led by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of

Troop and Pack 332, respectively, followed by Fair Prince Aaron Benware and Princess Shannon Stone, who were driven by Richard Wood and his team of horses.

The 1980 prince and princess Jonathon Stone and Carrie Cooper were driven by Daniel Soucy driving a 923 Model T Ford Depot Hack.

Valerie Bugbee, 1980 Cornish Fair queen was followed by floats and the 1981 "Miss Cornish Fair," Lisa Tewksbury. Other queen contestants included Rita Fontaine, first runnerup, Kathy Merrill, Jamie Casey, Susan Stocker, Karen Rastallis and Sheri Rook.

Other floats included Noah's Ark, sponsored by Meriden Grange; Charlotte's Web, sponsored by Blood Brook Bale Busters, 4-H Club, Meriden and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, sponsored by the Hemlock Hi-Toppers 4-H Club, Charlestown.

Bands present were the Claremont Fife and Drum Corp, sponsored by the American Legion Post, Claremont and the Shriners Bektash Temple band. Leaping Lena, a trick car owned VFW, Newport and several antique vehicles including a 1922 Model T Pumper, driven by George Whipple; a 1930 Model

A Ford, driven by Brian Carley; a 1931 Packard driven by George Kimball and a 1935 Maxim Fire truck driven by Carroll Hatch, were also in the parade.

Fire trucks from all areas towns participated as did the Cornish Rescue Squad vehicle. Several horses also entered the parade, including Harrison Miles who drove a team of dapple gray mares pulling a delivery wagon and John Hammond drove his team pulling a 1919 threshing machine owned by Floyd and Helen Rogers, Plainfield, which was left on display following the parade. Michael McLaughlin also had a horse and buggy in the parade.

John Clegg, Plainfield, drove his pair of oxen, "Brute and Zeke" following Cheryl LeClaire's mare and colt.

The lineup of children and vehicles was interspersed with antics by Scrub Board Slim and three clowns.

Tri-State Timberlands donated a load of logs to be raffled to raise funds to support the annual Woodsman's Field Day, they were hauled by a truck donated by Elmendorf Board Corp in the parade.

The six-cord load was later won by John W. Caramore, Charlestown.



# THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD



OUR  
PAST,  
PRESENT  
&  
FUTURE



# 1974



The Cornish Rescue Squad was formed seven years ago to provide the people of this area prompt, skilled emergency medical care in cooperation with the ambulance services that also serve the Towns.

Fourteen people were trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). They raised the funds to purchase basic medical supplies and simple rescue equipment which they carried in their own vehicles to all calls.

They hoped to work closely with all area emergency services as a volunteer organization that did not bill for its services and did not pay its members. They hoped that all necessary funds could be raised through projects and donations.

## And as we look to the future,

As the Squad looks to the future, we see a need to move our records, extra equipment and supplies out of storage in area barns, garages and attics and into a centrally located, heated structure that could also house our rescue truck. Such a facility will prolong the life of our vehicle and equipment as well as get our supplies more readily available should they be required.



To meet these needs . . . the Squad is undertaking its third CAPITAL FUND DRIVE, with a goal of \$10,000. This amount should make possible the purchase of land, construction of a new garage, and preventive body work on the vehicle. The Cornish Rescue Squad, Inc. is a private non-profit corporation. All contributions are tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to: Cornish Rescue Squad Capital Fund and mailed to:

Cornish Rescue Squad  
Capital Fund Comm.  
c/o Peter Hoe Burling  
Leahy, Denault, Moody & Burling  
Claremont, N.H. 03743

or

c/o Daniel A. Poor  
Star Route 3  
Windsor, VT. 05089

*Donor desiring anonymity may  
contact a member of our committee  
Peter H. Burling Co-Chairman  
Daniel A. Poor Co-Chairman  
E. Leonard Barker  
Catherine Hier  
Gardiner McLeay*



# 1981



The Cornish Rescue Squad now has 15-20 members (including 4 of the original 14) all EMT's, many trained in advanced life support procedures. Dispatched by the Claremont Fire Department they still carry much equipment in their personal vehicles, but they also own and operate a light duty rescue truck that carries larger and more involved rescue equipment, medical supplies and an electric generator.

The members are volunteers who are not paid for their time. The Squad still does not bill for its services to individual patients, but it does receive \$1,500 annually from Cornish and Plainfield to help with operating expenses. This is no more than half of the annual budget for the Squad.

The major fund raising project each year is the Ham and Bean Supper at the Cornish Fair. This income is supplemented by other projects and donations.

The Cornish Rescue Squad would like to thank the townspeople for their continuing support.

The following is a brief summary of our expenditures and of the services we have rendered to both Cornish and Plainfield.

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### *Approximate Expenditures by year*

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|                   |      |                  |
|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 1975 .....        | 625  |                  |
| 1976 .....        | 2000 |                  |
| 1977 .....        | 4130 | • Includes truck |
| 1978 .....        | 4100 | purchase in 1976 |
| 1979 .....        | 5000 | and at least one |
| 1980 .....        | 7156 | major equipment  |
| 1981 Budget ..... | 6000 | purchase in each |

year since.

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### *Approximate Calls by year\**

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|                          |    |                      |
|--------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1974 .....               | 21 |                      |
| 1975 .....               | 37 |                      |
| 1976 .....               | 40 |                      |
| 1977 .....               | 50 | • Does not include   |
| 1978 .....               | 60 | 40+ patients treated |
| 1979 .....               | 85 | at the Fair. From    |
| 1980 .....               | 88 | 1979 on, about       |
| 1981 (to April 15) ..... | 50 | evenly split between |

Plainfield and  
Cornish.

# Cornish rescue vehicle homeless

CORNISH, N. H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad is conducting a fund drive for the purpose of constructing a 24 by 40 foot building to house its emergency rescue vehicle.

The need for this construction is even greater now. On Tuesday afternoon the building which presently housed the truck collapsed from the heavy snow on its roof. The truck was not damaged and is being housed at the home of Andrew Kuhre, Cornish Flat.

The light duty rescue vehicle carries equipment and medical supplies as well as an electric generator, which has often been used to supply light at fires, both in town and at fires serviced by mutual aid.

A 99-year lease on a parcel of land located on Route 120 has been acquired and members of the squad cut trees and brush there prior to the snow storms readying the

property for construction purposes.

Members plan to provide much of the actual labor, but many materials are still needed which funds will not cover and donations of both materials and labor will be welcomed by the squad.

The building will be insulated and heated, so much of the equipment stored in members' homes may be housed there.

Several cash gifts and pledges have been made to the group, including \$700 from the Blow-Me-Down Snowriders, also a \$1,000 donation from Kimball Union Academy. Many more dollars are needed so that the squad will be able to start the construction just as soon as the snow melts and they can get on the land.

The squad has 15 registered Emergency Medical Technicians. Many are also trained in advance life support procedures. The squad furnishes emergency medical care in cooperation with area ambulance services and is made up of people from both Cornish and Plainfield.

The squad covered a total of 120 calls in 1981 as well as 40 more minor incidents at the Cornish Fair in August. Members often assist the Claremont Fire Department and the Windsor Fire and Ambulance Service. At its Jan. 26 meeting, the group was joined by Dr. Walter Frye, Meriden, who discussed calls they had previously responded to and various medical situations they had been involved in.

Dr. Frye did a follow-up with the hospitals on

meeting the concerns of the members by giving information to them following their emergency treatments. The squad members were well pleased with his presentation and feel his attendance at meetings will be a definite asset in the future education of keeping up with medical demands.

Dale Rook was elected commander of the squad at the annual meeting; Gary Hier, vice commander; Myron Kuhre,

treasurer and Nancy Cherrier, secretary.

Kuhre and Cherrier were voted to join Hier, Rook and John Rand as trustees for the coming three years.

Donations may be mailed to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Box 235, Cornish Flat 03746 or to the squad's Capitol Funding Drive account at the Claremont Savings Bank. Rook wants to thank all those people who have given to the drive.





**A STORAGE SHED** housing the Cornish Rescue Squad emergency vehicle caved in Tuesday, apparently from the weight of snow on its roof. The property, owned by George and Jill Edson, is located on Route 120 in Cornish. The middle portion of the roof caved in

causing the sidewalls to buckle. A 1930 coupe being restored by Edson sustained minimal damage. Some farm equipment including a hay baler, mowing machine and tools were buried. See related story on Page 3. (Ruth Rollins Photo)

## To build two-bay garage

# Cornish Rescue Squad opens \$10,000 drive

By RUTH ROLLINS

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CORNISH Lewis Gage, president of the Cornish Rescue Squad states that the squad has received a total of \$3,000 in donations toward their goal of \$25,000 in their capital fund raising efforts.

The squad is accepting pledges as well as donations and any person wishing to send either may send them to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Cornish Flat, N.H.

Among contributors have been the 1976 class of graduates at Cornish Elementary School who donated \$137 and the Cornish Fair Assn. with a donation of \$1,000.

A good sum of money was also raised by raffling a 54 caliber Thompson Muzzle loader, donated by Redlands Gun Shop, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redlands, Cornish. Other donations have included three mobile low-band radios from the Cornish Fire Department which are currently being used.

Squad members themselves increased the total amount by serving a baked bean and ham supper on

Saturday of the Cornish Fair, with Lorraine Lawrence as chairman.

Donations regardless of the amount will be welcomed by the squad. Gage stated that medical equipment as well as many emergency rescue items are needed by the squad to equip the rescue vehicle they recently purchased. The vehicle has been inspected and readied for use, and in fact has been used during emergencies, including the recent motorcycle accident involving a fatality, where members assisted.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is in its third year of service to residents of Cornish and recently entered into an agreement with the Plainfield selectmen for service to residents of Plainfield and Meriden. The squad works in support of and in cooperation with all of the emergency services in these towns.

The capital fund drive is necessary to help the squad improve the quality of the care they are able to offer by responding to an emergency with the best possible equipment.

Previously the Cornish Rescue Squad has supported their efforts with their own fund raising events. The squad is a private, non-profit corporation and any contribution now, and-or a pledge for future donations are tax free.

Most of the members of the Cornish Rescue Squad have

completed several thousands of hours of training, including the 81 hour course leading to certification as Emergency Medical Technicians. They are trained to provide basic life support and to prepare a patient for transportation to an appropriate hospital. They also are trained in search and rescue procedures and in techniques for extricating people from automobile accidents.

Each member of the squad carries a "jump kit" equipped with medical supplies. The light duty rescue vehicle carries oxygen and suction equipment, splints and extrication equipment. It also carries a 10 kw generator and several 500-watt spotlights. Two-way radio equipment on the vehicle and in some individual vehicles are in communication with area emergency services.

A part of the fund being raised will be used to purchase other communication equipment to enable the squad to be in direct contact with hospitals in the area, including the poison control center at Hanover and other upper valley departments.

Because members of the Cornish Rescue Squad live in the area it serves, they are frequently able to arrive at the scene of an emergency well in advance of the ambulance. Any of the eighteen members may be contacted for further information.

CORNISH, N. H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad is conducting a fund drive for the purpose of constructing a 24 by 40 foot building to house its emergency rescue vehicle.

The need for this construction is even greater now. On Tuesday afternoon the building which presently housed the truck collapsed from the heavy snow on its roof. The truck was not damaged and is being housed at the home of Andrew Kuhre, Cornish Flat.

The light duty rescue vehicle carries equipment and medical supplies as well as an electric generator, which has often been used to supply light at fires, both in town and at fires serviced by mutual aid.

A 99-year lease on a parcel of land located on Route 120 has been acquired and members of the squad cut trees and brush there prior to the snow storms readying the

property for construction purposes.

Members plan to provide much of the actual labor, but many materials are still needed which funds will not cover and donations of both materials and labor will be welcomed by the squad.

The building will be insulated and heated, so much of the equipment stored in members' homes may be housed there.

Several cash gifts and pledges have been made to the group, including \$700 from the Blow-Me-Down Snowriders, also a \$1,000 donation from Kimball Union Academy. Many more dollars are needed so that the squad will be able to start the construction just as soon as the snow melts and they can get on the land.

The squad has 15 registered Emergency Medical Technicians. Many are also trained in advance life support procedures. The squad furnishes emergency medical care in cooperation with area ambulance services and is made up of people from both Cornish and Plainfield.

The squad covered a total of 120 calls in 1981 as well as 40 more minor incidents at the Cornish Fair in August. Members often assist the Claremont Fire Department and the Windsor Fire and Ambulance Service. At its Jan. 26 meeting, the group was joined by Dr. Walter Frye, Meriden, who discussed calls they had previously responded to and various medical situations they had been involved in.

Dr. Frye did a follow-up through the hospitals on several of these cases,

meeting the concerns of the members by giving information to them following their emergency treatments. The squad members were well pleased with his presentation and feel his attendance at meetings will be a definite asset in the future education of keeping up with medical demands.

Dale Rook was elected commander of the squad at the annual meeting; Gary Hier, vice commander; Myron Kuhre,

treasurer and Nancy Cherrier, secretary.

Kuhre and Cherrier were voted to join Hier, Rook and John Rand as trustees for the coming three years.

Donations may be mailed to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Box 235, Cornish Flat 03746 or to the squad's Capitol Fund Drive account at the Claremont Savings Bank. Rook wants to thank all those people who have given to the drive.



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# Rescue Squad seeks funding from Plainfield and Cornish

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Dale Rook was re-elected president of the Cornish Rescue Squad. John Rand was elected vice president, Judy Rook re-elected as secretary and Myron Kuhre, re-elected treasurer.

Trustees named were Rand, Rook, Kuhre and Robert Drye and Daniel Poor.

Under discussion was a training session which is being

spearheaded by Kuhre for the purposes of extricating injured persons from farm machinery.

Kuhre is coordinating the course on a trial basis for local emergency medical technicians, as well as those in area towns. He will be working with Emergency Medical Services at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover.

Kuhre hopes to give EMTs a hands-on experience in actual extrication practices. He and Linda Rice and Alice Jordan recently attended a similar training session in Springfield, Mass. All three are familiar with farm machinery accidents through their farm life backgrounds.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has plans for an open house to show off its newly-acquired building, which is nearly 98

percent completed. During the fundraising drive \$13,000 was raised and there were many hours of volunteer labor and donated equipment.

The Cornish Rescue Squad responds without charge to auto accidents, medical emergencies in the home, and mutual aid calls for both fire and ambulance to Claremont and Windsor.

The squad provides emergency medical services throughout the two-day Cornish Fair, and covers both Cornish and Plainfield. Rescue Squad members made a total of 111 calls during 1982.

The Rescue Squad vehicle is currently undergoing repair work and a paint job, but will be back in operation soon. Squad members each carry medical supplies, however, and are still on call.



# Rescue squad halfway to goal

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Site plan on agenda

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**HARD AT WORK** on the future home of the Cornish Rescue Squad are squad members including John Rand, Dale and Judy Rook, near saw horses. (Ruth Rollins Photo)

## Cornish Rescue Squad builds itself new home

By RUTH ROLLINS

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad has long wanted its own building to house its rescue vehicle. So on Saturday more than 30 people, including several carpenters and squad members, gathered at the building site on Route 120 to make this a reality.

After eight hours of measuring, hammering and sawing, sidewalls were erected and rafters put in place, and the Rescue Squad sign was placed over doors that will be hung later.

Ladies of the squad provided lunch and cold drinks throughout the day and the group moved to the John Rand home later for a cookout to celebrate its accomplishments.

Following the placing of trim on the building, a contractor will put a metal roof on the structure.

jured persons, among many other aspects of emergency medical service.

The squad sponsored the "Vial of Life" program for Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden residents, providing plastic vials to hold medical information to be placed inside residents' refrigerators to alert rescue personnel in case of illness.

Many of the squad members are registered Emergency Medical Technicians, some are advanced first aid course teachers, and others are qualified to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction.

Squad members are called through the use of an emergency number which reaches the Claremont Fire Station, which then notifies members by use of plectrons.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has held a capital fund-raising drive the past several months to raise money to purchase materials for its building. The response has been appreciated, said a squad spokesman, but donations are still needed for completion of the building and for repairs to the rescue vehicle.

Donations may be mailed to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Cornish Flat Post Office, Cornish Flat, N.H., 03746.

Dale Rook serves as the squad president during this busy year of activity. He and his wife Judy, who is also a squad member, were recently presented the Community Citizenship Award on behalf of the Cornish Rescue Squad, by Blow-Me-Down Grange, Plainfield.



# For Both of These Jobs, o



**MORE** than 30 volunteers pitched in Saturday to construct the Cornish Rescue Squad's new building, saving the organization an estimated \$6,000 in labor costs. The \$9,000 structure, situated at the corner of Route 120 and the Center of Town Road, will



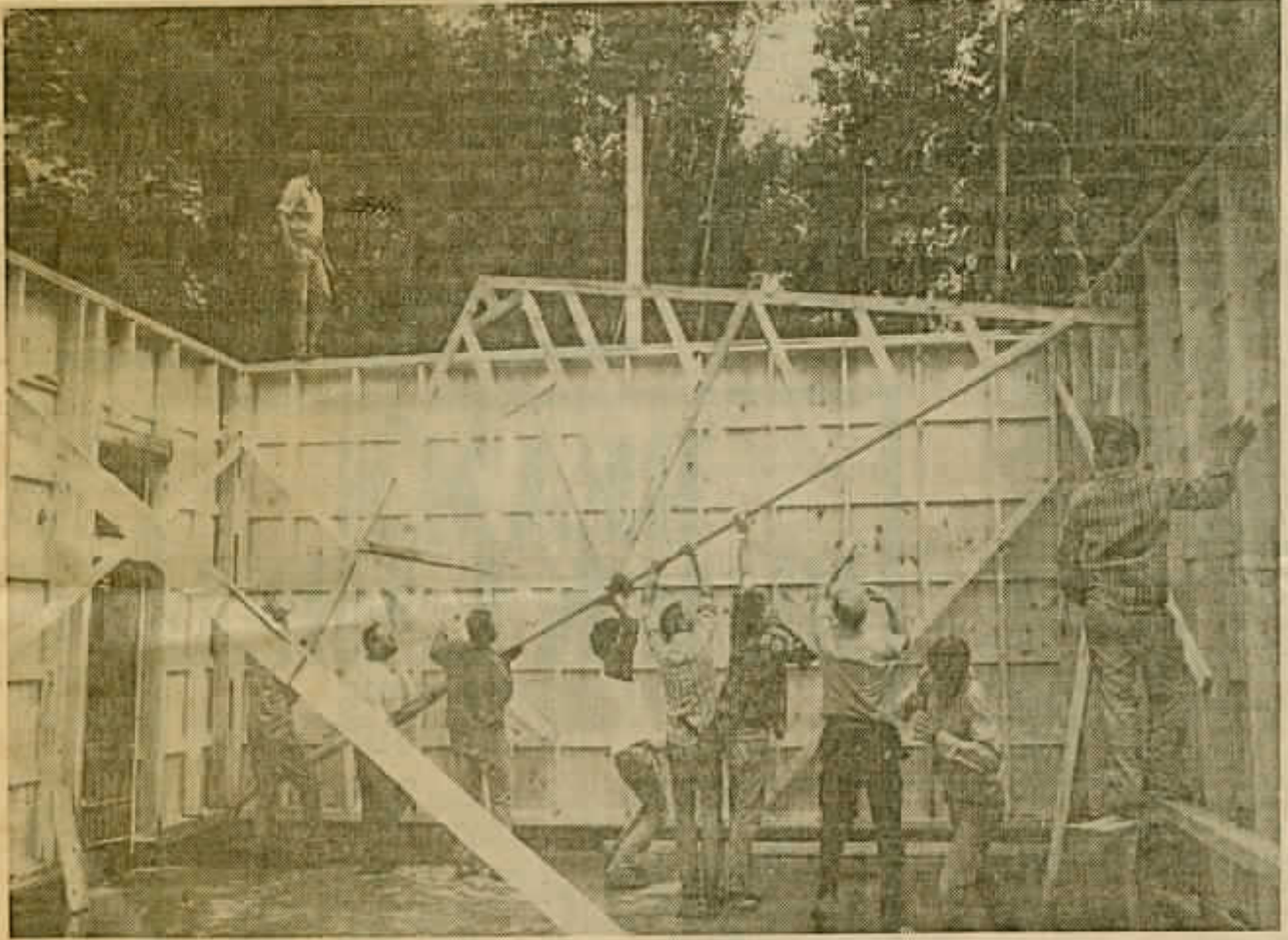
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# 'Well Done' Is Deserved



house the squad's rescue vehicle and office. The Rescue Squad previously parked its vehicle in a building that caved in under the weight of snow last winter. The metal roof is expected to be put on this week.

(Photos by Brad Hills)



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# Cornish Rescue Squad And Friends Build New Home

By SUSAN DEFOE

Valley News Correspondent  
CORNISH — The Cornish Rescue Squad is getting a new house.

The rescue squad vehicle was housed in a rented metal building on Route 12A until the roof caved in under snow last February. Partitions that had been installed by rescue squad members helped save the truck from damage.

Coincidentally, Dale Rook, president of the rescue squad, had set the goal of building a new home for the vehicle a year before, and the drive to raise money had been under way since March 1981.

All money for the building was donated. "We received donations from Claremont, as well as Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden," said Rook. Kimball Union Academy in Meriden gave \$1,000; a worker at the Claremont dump donated change he found in thrown-out furniture.

Saturday, June 26, saw an old fashioned barn-raising

of the rescue squad's new home on land leased from George Edson for 99 years.

About 30 volunteers, many of them professional carpenters and contractors, arrived at the site and raised the new building, de-

signed by Plainfield architect Stephen Tracy, who donated his services.

"We began work at 8 a.m.," said Rook, "and kept on going until 5 p.m., right through the rain." Coffee and lunch were donated, prepared and served by rescue squad members, as was a cookout at the end of the day. "We thought it was the least we could do for all the people who worked so hard," said Rook.

Rook estimates the barn-raising saved between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The projected cost of the total project, squad vice-president Gar Hier said this morning, is between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

Most materials were purchased at contractor's prices, and all nails were donated by Esersky's Hard-

ware in Claremont. The foundation, slab, roofing, chimney and sheetrocking were contracted out, with contractors doing "the best they can for us on the price."

Hier said that an overhead door should be installed this week, and that wiring and sheetrocking remain to be done.

At Cornish's town meeting last March the town voted up to \$1,000 for fill at the new rescue squad site, and approved use of town road equipment for the filling operation. Two people also donated the use of their trucks for the fill operation. Enough fill was brought in from the Cornish road clean-up this spring that the rescue squad had to purchase only half the fill they had anticipated.

Rescue squad members hope to be in their new home by July 27, Hier said. In the meantime, the rescue squad vehicle is housed in a loaned stall in a barn belonging to Andy Kuhres. As soon as the new quarters

are ready, the rescue squad plans an open house.

The rescue squad was honored June 25 with the Grange Community Citizenship Award for outstanding community service. Presented on behalf of the National Grange, the award, made at the Blow-Me-Down Grange in Plainfield, honored the 18 men and women who volunteer their time to the rescue squad.

After the award, an elderly spectator pressed a check for \$100 into Rook's hand. "We often get \$5 and

\$10 donations this way," said Rook. "I was amazed when I opened this check."

The Cornish Rescue Squad was founded in 1951 to fill the need for emergency rescue services in Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden. Eleven members took the initial emergency medical technician training at the state vocational technical college in Claremont. This founding group grew into today's rescue squad, complete with regulations and bylaws overseen by president and vice president.

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CORNISH RESCUE showed off its new building and newly-painted rescue vehicle at an open house Sunday. Teams of volunteers pitched in to build the rescue building last

summer after the last one collapsed from the weight of snow on the roof. (Daniel Poor Photo)



# Cornish Rescue Squad to dedicate new building

By RUTH ROLLINS

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad's new building will be formally dedicated at an open house Sunday, two years after a capital fund drive was launched for the project and 11 months after a "work bee" started construction.

The open house will be from 12:30-4:30 p.m. and members will conduct a free blood-pressure clinic. Cornish Rescue's newly-refurbished and repainted rescue truck will also be on display. The building is located on the corner of Center Road and Route 120, one mile below Cornish Flat.

Land for the project was leased from George Edson for 99 years and a number of people lent their expertise to draw up plans for the best possible energy-efficient building.

The facility the squad had been using was unheated and much of the modern equipment had to be stored in members' homes, because it would not tolerate freezing temperatures.

In January, 1982, the roof of the storage shed used to house the Cornish Rescue Squad emergency vehicle collapsed under the weight of heavy snow.

As soon as the land was dry enough to work on the following spring, the squad members decided to start their new building, even though money was still needed. The Town of Cornish helped them fill in the area, following the cutting of trees and removal of stumps, which had been done the previous fall.

Cornish Rescue was granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and allowed to erect the present building.

One Saturday in June, about 30 people, many of them professional carpenters and contractors, gathered at the site. By the end of the day, the shell had been erected and

much of the boarding had been done on the sides. The women of the squad provided lunch and a cookout was held that evening.

Volunteer work saved an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000 in the costs of construction. Many materials were bought at contractors' costs and Esersky's Hardware, Claremont, furnished all the nails. Parts of the project, such as the foundation, cement slab, roofing, sheetrocking and the chimney, were contracted. An insulated overhead door was hung and the Cornish Fair Association provided funds for an electric door-opener.

The Rescue Squad facilities were moved into the building later in the summer. The building provides room for the rescue vehicle, storage for records, and a place to hold meetings.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has come a long way since its formation in 1974. In November of 1973, 11 Cornish residents took an Emergency Medical Technicians course at the New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College in Claremont with the idea of forming a rescue squad. A few months later it was officially incorporated with Polly Rand as the first president.

Over the years, members have learned a variety of emergency rescue techniques — everything from cardiopulmonary resuscitation to extracting people from cars to the safe removal of victims from ravines and other dangerous places and the treatment of hypothermia. Drills are frequent and Rand acts as the training officer.

After it was established, the squad consisted of Class A members, persons with medical backgrounds, and Class B members, those willing to help on various fundraising projects.

One of the squad members, Edwin Lawrence, was credited for saving the life of Dartmouth Savings Bank

President Elden Murray in 1974, following a heart seizure and automobile accident. Lawrence was qualified to perform the lifesaving act because he had become a member of the squad.

In March, 1976, the Cornish Rescue Squad felt there was a need to coordinate emergency medical service with those in surrounding towns. A meeting was called with area fire,

police and ambulance services and the 16 registered EMTs offered their services to neighboring Plainfield. Since then, several Plainfield residents have become members.

The squad has worked in conjunction with both the Windsor and Lebanon Ambulance Services, providing coverage at house and brush fires as well as most

automobile accidents. It provides emergency service at such events as field days, Scouting activities, and the Cornish Fair, held annually in August.

The Rescue Squad number is 542-5155, the fire emergency number at the Claremont Fire Department. The calls are broadcast by a dispatcher through the plectron system to squad members' homes and pagers.



CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD member Myron Kuhre shows off the newly-painted rescue truck, equipped with 1,000-watt floodlights and a 3,000-watt generator. The truck will be on display during an open house Sunday from

noon to 4 p.m. at the squad headquarters on Cornish Flat. The new rescue squad building, seen in background, will be dedicated during the open house. (Ruth Rollins Photo)









CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

# Drowning At Sumner Falls

## Search Is On For Body Of Fisherman Swept Away

By REBECCA BAILEY  
Valley News Staff Writer

PLAINFIELD — Divers with the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game were searching the Sumner Falls area of the Connecticut River today for the body of a Massachusetts man presumed drowned.

Dr. Kenneth Kaplan, 53, of Bedford, Mass., was fishing yesterday with his brother, Dr. Elvin Kaplan of Windsor, and a friend, Dr. Thomas Mock of Cornish, a psychiatrist at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Mental Health Center. According to Fish and Game reports, the three were on a small island below the falls. While crossing back to shore at about 12:30 p.m., Kaplan lost his footing and fell into the river.

One of his companions managed to grab hold of him, but lost his grip and Kaplan was swept downstream, said Glen Taylor, conservation officer for the fish and game department. Kenneth Kaplan was wearing chest waders at the time, which would have filled up with water after he fell, and weighed him down. When waders fill with water, they become difficult to remove even in still water, Taylor said.

Several lives have been lost in the area of the falls. A Meriden man was drowned last August after his canoe capsized at about the same spot. Two years earlier, a 12-year-old girl drowned after a canoeing accident at the falls.

"We seem to average about one person a year there," said Larry Dingee, president of the Cornish Rescue Squad. "It's a good place to fish but it's a bad place to be, period."

Searchers arrived shortly after 1 p.m. from Cornish, Hartland, Claremont, Plainfield and Windsor. They searched the water surface and shoreline downstream to below the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge for about three hours, but found no sign of the body. Three boats were used but the water was too rough to use



grappling hooks to scour the bottom.

It is unclear whether rising water from the Wilder Dam a few miles north contributed to the accident. When the hydroelectric turbines operate, water levels downstream can rise quickly by as much as 2 feet at the narrower parts of the river, said Hugh Sullivan, director of hydro operations for New England Power Co., which operates the dam.

Yesterday, both turbines started discharging water at 9 a.m., and ran steadily until 1 p.m., so any rise in the water the falls should have taken place before the accident, Sullivan said. It could have been that the current was swifter when Kaplan tried to cross back than when he waded to the island earlier, he said.

Neither Mock nor Elvin Kaplan could be reached for comment today.

The falls come where the river runs into a barrier of upturned shale that juts up from the water, diagonally across the river. The 300 or so feet of river there is a field of small white water swirls and eddies; the water flows through two breaks in the barrier and falls several feet into two lagoons, which flow into the thenceforth more placid river.

The falls area draws people de-

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— DROWNING



Heart-Shock Equipment

# Cornish Rescue Squad Needs To Raise \$14,000

CORNISH — The Cornish Rescue Squad is hoping to raise \$14,000 so that it can buy and maintain two defibrillators for use in cases of cardiac arrest.

Defibrillation involves the use of a machine to shock the patient's heart into resuming its normal functions.

Defibrillation is used when cardio-pulmonary resuscitation is unsuccessful in getting a cardiac arrest victim's heart to start beating again or to resume a regular rhythm.

"If members of the Cornish Rescue Squad can get to a patient within six minutes of an arrest and use a defibrillator, we have a very good chance of saving a life," wrote Rescue

Squad President Lawrence Dingee in a letter of appeal to residents of Cornish, Meriden and Plainfield. "However, we do not own a defibrillator.

"Thus, even though we are usually first on the scene of a cardiac arrest and can begin CPR immediately, we cannot take a stronger course of action until a defibrillator arrives either from Claremont or Lebanon, which often involves a 20-minute wait," Dingee wrote. "Meanwhile, precious seconds tick by."

Dingee said contributions for the defibrillators may be sent to the Cornish Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 235, Cornish Flat 03746.

Plainfield Selectmen Minutes -- Abridged

## Cornish Rescue Considers Name Change To Include Plainfield

Nov. 25 -- Regular selectmen's meeting -- Bruce Baird and Peter Haubrich attending.

The selectmen received a bill for ambulance service from the City of Lebanon for a previous period. Selectmen will schedule its payment.

The selectmen signed the warrant for the 1987 tax bills. The tax rate will be \$47.05.

Selectmen Baird and Haubrich attended a special meeting with state environmental people regarding a dump in town for stumps and brush. It seems at this time that such a solution would be too expensive. The selectmen will continue to have Lebanon bill individuals for stumps and other materials not acceptable at Claremont, but acceptable to Lebanon.

Larry Dingy of the Cornish Rescue Squad stated that Plainfield continues to give good support to the squad. About 40% of the members are Plainfield residents and about 60% of the contributions come from Plainfielders. In light of the costs involved in changing their name to include Plainfield, the squad decided not to change their name at this time. The Plainfield name will, however, be included somehow in their letterhead.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Before the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge was closed this past summer, Plainfield had contracted with the Windsor Fire Department for ambulance services.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
PETER HAUBRICH,  
INTERIM SECRETARY



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** — Cornish Rescue Squad member Paul Sheff, right, practices defibrillator techniques on a practice dummy. Dale Rook, center, assists Sheff while Dr. Douglas Cedeno looks on. (Ruth Rollins Photo)

## *Rescue squad equipment to include defibrillator*

By RUTH ROLLINS  
Correspondent

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad has had several training sessions on the use of the Automatic Advisory Defibrillator Lifepak 200, recently purchased by the squad.

The machine will be used by specially trained Emergency Medical Technicians on the scene of a cardiac arrest victim.

Dr. Norman Yanofsky, emergency medical director at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, is in charge of teaching the course. He has been assisted by Dr. Douglas Cedeno, Meriden, who is in charge of the new Intermediate Care Center at Alice Peck Day Hospital.

The Cornish Rescue Squad was able to purchase the defibrillator with donations received during a recent fund drive carried out in both Cornish and Plainfield. A second unit will be purchased later this year to enable a unit to be located in both towns.

The squad is continually trying to improve its services to both communities through various advanced training. They have recently purchased mannequins for use in teaching cardio pulmonary

resuscitation. Members plan to teach Cornish Elementary School personnel and members of both the Cornish Fire and Police departments.

Later this year members also plan to teach more Cornish residents how to begin CPR practices to enable them to maintain life until the squad members are able to reach the scene of a medical emergency.

The squad reminds all residents needing the service that it is vital for calls to be made immediately.

The squad, established in 1974, responds to an average of 115 calls annually, evenly split between Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden. Much of the necessary equipment and supplies used by the squad has been purchased through the years by their own fundraising efforts.

Many area residents have benefited from their expertise and dedication, members are most often able to appear on the scene of a medical emergency before arrival of an ambulance. Members involved are from both Cornish and Plainfield.

Lawrence Dingee is presently president of the squad, with Ann Donaghy vice president.



## Cornish Rescue Squad Receives 'Outstanding Volunteer' Award From New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu



Cornish Rescue Squad President Larry Dingee receives "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" plaque from Gov. John Sununu.

CORNISH -- The Cornish Rescue Squad was recently presented with an "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award by New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu at the fourth annual Governor's Recognition Ceremony held in Manchester.

The award is presented each year to one volunteer organization in each county of the state.

The Cornish Rescue Squad was founded in 1973 by a group of local residents concerned with the length of time it took ambulances to respond to calls in the area.

The squad is made up of 22 trained volunteers who work closely with police and fire officials, and serves the sprawling 90-mile area that makes up Cornish, Plainfield, and Meriden.

Stephen Taylor, New Hampshire commissioner of agriculture, nominated the rescue squad for the award, saying the organization "reflects a high level of professionalism."

"The willingness of these volunteers to donate their time, talent, and energy saves their communities many thousands of dollars and significantly improves the quality of life in their region," he stated.

together encompass 90 miles. Their average response time is five minutes.

Each volunteer donates about 130 hours of time a year; 30 to 40 of those hours are spent in training. "Answering the rescue calls is the easy part," said Larry Dingee, president of the squad. It's the training time, that takes him away from his family, that's hard, he said.

Most of the volunteers are emergency medical technicians that must renew their certification every other year. In addition to the basics, they take special courses that include auto extrication and farm machinery rescue work.

In spite of the time commitment and constant training, Dingee said he has no difficulty finding volunteers, although turnover is rapid. "We are the exception to the rule in rescue squads in the area. We are very lucky that in the two towns we deal with, a lot of people are interested." Sixty percent of his volunteers are women.

Another aspect of the squad's work is fund raising. The two towns pay a portion of the annual operating budget, \$8,000 this year, but money for equipment like the new truck they got last year or the defibrillator they need this year, comes from fundraising.

This year the fund-raising effort will include another message — call the squad first and fast. "It's a problem," said Dingee. "Quite often people call a neighbor who's a nurse or someone down down the road. Then we get the call and time is lost. In quite a few of our cases, time is of the essence."

The award was presented at the fourth annual Governor's Recognition Ceremony.

Valley News Thursday, February 18, 1988

Cornish Rescue Squad has been named by Gov. John Sununu an Outstanding Volunteer of The Year. The squad was one of 14 organizations in Sullivan County considered for the award.

The squad consists of 22 trained volunteers who respond to an average of 120 emergency situations a year in Cornish and Plainfield, which

# Rescue squad's outing draws 300

CORNISH, N.H. — Over 300 people, many of them under 5 years of age, attended the first annual outing sponsored by the Cornish Rescue Squad. The event was held Sept. 11 at the Cory Taber Memorial Field, Plainfield.

Most of the 5 year-olds did not shoot too many baskets or win the juggling contests, they did, however, get to ride on Peter Burling's fire truck. They also had their faces painted and hung onto helium balloons. They also got to show off for their parents and licked scrumptious Ben and Jerry ice cream cones.

"The event was planned by the Cornish Rescue Squad as a way of expressing the squads thanks for the support given by area residents," a squad spokesman said. The squad provides free rescue service to the towns of Cornish, Meriden and Plainfield.

Squad member Fess Moore,

Plainfield, organized a group of volunteer musicians which played and sang throughout the afternoon, which was enjoyed by all.

Julia Brennen, Plainfield, was the raffle winner of dinner for two at Home Hill restaurant. The dinners were donated by restaurant owner Robert Nichols.

Dr. Steven Blair, Cornish, won a second pair of dinner tickets, donated by the Cornish Rescue Squad.

Valley News Tuesday, September 20, 1988

## Cornish Rescue Squad Pleased By Bash

To the Editor:

The towns of Cornish and Plainfield have had a number of nice volunteer things going on in recent years — recycling, a rescue squad, school playgrounds, a town hall painting, the Corey Taber Memorial Field — and the Cornish Rescue Squad picnic/outing Sept. 11 has to rate right up there as an event that warmed hearts and hamburgers in all directions.

More than 300 people flocked to the Corey Taber Field for the Cornish Rescue Squad's first-ever, first-class, wingding to thank all the people and institutions in the two towns for their loyal and continued support.

Special thanks go to Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream of the Upper Valley which contributed its scrumptious ice cream, to Roger Nichols who donated luscious dinners-for-two at the Home Hill Restaurant, and to the volunteer musicians and countless others who made this first annual gathering a happy and auspicious occasion.

FRITZ HIER  
Cornish Rescue Squad  
Advisory Board





**Celebrating their  
15th Anniversary**



## **CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**

This year the Cornish Rescue Squad's annual fund drive is focusing on a most critical aspect of emergency medical services: communications. From the earliest moments of an emergency, when a call activates the emergency medical system, through arrival at the hospital, communications are essential. The relay of vital information amongst emergency personnel can be life saving.

The Cornish Rescue Squad again appeals to your generosity as we work to improve our communication system. With your support, we hope to improve our dispatching and update our communications equipment so we can continue to provide the finest of emergency care to the towns of Cornish and Plainfield.

Again we would like to express our thanks to you for the support you have shown us over the past fifteen years.



Sincerely,  
Anne Donaghy, President  
Cornish Rescue Squad

P.O. Box 235      Cornish Flat, NH 03746



Fifteen years ago 11 Cornish residents recognized a need in this community for emergency medical care. These residents took an Emergency Medical Technician Course and the Cornish Rescue Squad was born. The charter members established a very clear purpose for the Squad: to provide prompt emergency medical care to the residents of Cornish and Plainfield; to initiate emergency medical care prior to the arrival of the ambulance; and to provide continuity of care to the hospital.

Membership on the Squad has averaged 15 over the years. At all times, more than half of the personnel have been trained as emergency medical technicians. Others have been trained to minimum level required to serve as ambulance attendants in New Hampshire (Red Cross Advanced First Aid or First Responder courses).

Initially, all equipment was carried by members in private cars. A new cab and chassis for the truck were placed in service early in 1987. The current Rescue Squad building on Route 120 and Center Road was constructed in 1982. Time, labor and money were donated to a major capital fund drive. Land on which it is located is leased to the Squad for 99 years.

Each year, major expenses for equipment, training and communications are paid for from the proceeds of an annual fund drive conducted in the Fall. Annual operating expenses are met through Town appropriations and fundraising activities at the Cornish Fair.

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The Squad is working hard to improve the survival rate of patients with cardiac problems. They have purchased training equipment and defibrillators for use with some cardiac patients. They will be undertaking a two-part program to increase awareness of this resource: 1) offering CPR courses throughout Cornish and Plainfield; and 2) improving the dispatch service to minimize responding time.

Each Squad member logs hundreds of hours in specialized training to be able to serve the community effectively. Training is done on personal time and at individual expense. Each member spends 30-40 hours in training each year.

Training, Squad business, responses to calls total 100-140 hours, mileage in excess of 750 miles, and out-of-pocket expenses of nearly \$50 per squad member each year.

In nominating the Cornish Rescue Squad for the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award, which the Squad received in 1988, Steve Taylor wrote that the Squad "reflects a high level of professionalism. The willingness of these volunteers to donate their time, talent, and energy saves their communities many thousands of dollars and significantly improves the quality of life in their region."



This brochure was sponsored in part by the Hanover Chamber of Commerce who congratulate the Cornish Rescue Squad on their 15th anniversary.

**The members of the Cornish Rescue Squad are your neighbors and are trained to help in medical emergencies.**

Debbie Allen, Plainfield  
Jerryne Cole, Cornish  
Larry Dingee, Cornish  
Anne Donaghy, Plainfield  
Margaret Drye, Plainfield  
Rob Drye, Plainfield  
Mark Dube, Cornish  
B.J. Dunn, Cornish  
Sue Fitch, Cornish  
Ed Foltyn, Cornish  
Jeff Katchen, Cornish  
Kathleen Maslan, Cornish  
Leo Maslan, Cornish  
Fess Moore, Plainfield  
Sue Murray, Cornish  
Sandy Ouellette, Plainfield  
John Rand, Cornish  
Polly Rand, Cornish  
Nancy Robes, Plainfield  
Dale Rook, Cornish  
Fred Schad, Cornish  
Jenny Schad, Cornish  
Paul Sheff, Plainfield  
Peter Skidmore, Plainfield  
Pooh Sprague, Plainfield

**The Advisory Board is a group of 10-15 residents, not Rescue Squad members, who meet as needed to provide the community's perspective on issues facing the Squad and to assist the Squad with special projects.**

**If you are interested in being an Advisory Board member or a Squad member contact any Rescue Squad member. New members are always welcomed.**

**Contributions are gratefully accepted.**

**Cornish Rescue Squad  
P.O. Box 235  
Cornish Flat, NH 03746**

**Call a Squad member if you are interested in taking a CPR course.**



## The Windsor Chronicle -

## Three Hartland Men Rescued On River

By Jane Leonard

Hartland - On Wednesday, August 9, an evening excursion on the Connecticut River became a dramatic experience for one man and two youths. Near 10:00 p.m., a concerned parent telephoned Windsor Dispatch Center. Their son was overdue in returning from a canoe trip.

The three had launched their canoe just below Sumners Falls in Hartland. They had planned to go downstream for a bit and then paddle back up the river to their launching point. A sudden rise in the water made it impossible to go back upstream. After several attempts, the group decided to land the canoe on the New Hampshire side of the river.

Emergency crews from Cornish and Hartland began a search and soon spotted their camp fire about half a mile below Sumners Falls. The group was picked up by a rescue crew from Cornish, New Hampshire. The Cornish Police Department reports that the individuals involved were Francis Hoopes, age 49, and two 12-year-old boys, Fred Pierce and "Eddie" for which no last name was given.

In an interview, Hartland Fire Chief John Sammel stated that the rising water has been a recurring problem for people on or near the river. When gates are let out at dams up river the water can come up several feet in a very short time. "By the time people realize that the water is rising, it's too late," said Sammel.

## Rescue squad holding fund drive

By RUTH ROLLINS  
Contributing Writer

CORNISH — Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad are holding their annual fund-raising drive. Goals for the 1998 drive are primarily to replace a cardiac defibrillator, purchase additional radios to improve communication and sponsor educational programs for the communities of Cornish and Plainfield.

"We had excellent participation in the Winter First Responder Course and added new members to the squad. Training was held for community members as well as firefighters in both Cornish and Plainfield," said Jim McCarragher, squad president.

The squad is again offering a New Hampshire Emergency Medical course for First Responders beginning Jan. 14. The 48-hour class will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. each Wednesday at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden. The course prepares a person to initially care for a sick patient.

Cost for the course is essentially free, as a \$50 registration fee is returned to those who complete the course. However, a \$40 textbook fee is non-refundable. The same course has been offered locally at a cost of \$200. Enrollment is limited. Those interested should contact Carragher at (603) 469-3505.

The Cornish Rescue Squad was

created in April 1974 and since that time squad members have given above and beyond to be of service to their fellow man. Many hours are spent annually training for all kinds of emergencies.

Much of the time squad members are first to respond to emergency situations, often assessing the situation before area ambulances arrive on the scene.

They respond to homes, accidents and all fires. Members are regarded as professional caregivers.

Those wishing to make donations should mail checks to the Cornish Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 235, Cornish Flat, N.H. 03746.

# Katchen re-elected squad leader

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad re-elected Jeffrey Katchen as its president at the annual squad meeting held at the rescue squad building on Route 120 last week.

Other officers are Sue Murray, vice president; Anne Donaghy, treasurer; and Debbie Foltyn, secretary.

The all-volunteer squad is completing its 17th year of service to the residents of both Cornish and Plainfield and has responded to 102 emer-

gency calls in the past year.

With the larger number of people using the Connecticut River for recreational purpose, the squad felt it necessary to purchase a rescue boat last spring, which has already been pressed into service for several river rescue situations.

A recent fund-raising campaign has allowed the squad to be in the process of equipping their members with full protective clothing, to reduce the risk of injury to personnel during hazardous rescue.

The squad is also continuing

to update communications equipment and dispatch service to ensure critical information to be available during emergency situations.

Continuing education, which has always been a top priority for the squad, continues to be so to provide the best possible care when needed. Members invest long hours to maintain certification and keep up with the latest developments in emergency care and respond to all emergency medical situations.



# Cornish Rescue Squad conducting fund drive

CORNISH Lewis Gage, president of the Cornish Rescue Squad states that the squad has received a total of \$3,000 in donations toward their goal of \$25,000 in their capital fund raising efforts.

The squad is accepting pledges as well as donations and any person wishing to send either may send them to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Cornish Flat, N.H.

Among contributors have been the 1976 class of graduates at Cornish Elementary School who donated \$137 and the Cornish Fair Assn. with a donation of \$1,000.

A good sum of money was also raised by raffling a 54 caliber Thompson Muzzle loader, donated by Redlands Gun Shop, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redlands, Cornish. Other donations have included three mobile low-band radios from the Cornish Fire Department which are currently being used.

Squad members themselves increased the total amount by serving a baked bean and ham supper on

Saturday of the Cornish Fair, with Lorraine Lawrence as chairman.

Donations regardless of the amount will be welcomed by the squad. Gage stated that medical equipment as well as many emergency rescue items are needed by the squad to equip the rescue vehicle they recently purchased. The vehicle has been inspected and readied for use, and in fact has been used during emergencies, including the recent motorcycle accident involving a fatality, where members assisted.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is in its third year of service to residents of Cornish and recently entered into an agreement with the Plainfield selectmen for service to residents of Plainfield and Meriden. The squad works in support of and in cooperation with all of the emergency services in these towns.

The capital fund drive is necessary to help the squad improve the quality of the care they are able to offer by responding to an emergency with the best possible equipment.

Previously the Cornish Rescue Squad has supported their efforts with their own fund raising events. The squad is a private, non-profit corporation and any contribution now, and-or a pledge for future donations are tax free.

Most of the members of the Cornish Rescue Squad have

completed several thousands of hours of training, including the 81 hour course leading to certification as Emergency Medical Technicians. They are trained to provide basic life support and to prepare a patient for transportation to an appropriate hospital. They also are trained in search and rescue procedures and in techniques for extricating people from automobile accidents.

Each member of the squad carries a "jump kit" equipped with medical supplies. The light duty rescue vehicle carries oxygen and suction equipment, splints and extrication equipment. It also carries a 10 kw generator and several 500-watt spotlights. Two-way radio equipment on the vehicle and in some individual vehicles are in communication with area emergency services.

A part of the fund being raised will be used to purchase other communication equipment to enable the squad to be in direct contact with hospitals in the area, including the poison control center at Hanover and other upper valley departments.

Because members of the Cornish Rescue Squad live in the area it serves, they are frequently able to arrive at the scene of an emergency well in advance of the ambulance. Any of the eighteen members may be contacted for further information.

# Rescue Vehicle Funds Sought

CORNISH — The Cornish Rescue Squad, which provides emergency medical service to area residents in need, is currently seeking \$25,000 to fund a rescue vehicle and the emergency equipment the vehicle carries.

Although some of the equipment the squad is seeking is available in such surrounding towns as Hanover, Windsor and Springfield, the squad feels the delay in getting necessary equipment to the scene of an emergency could be fatal.

Daniel A. Poor, vice president

of the unit, said he thought getting emergency rescue equipment for extricating injured persons out of wrecked vehicles was a high priority for the squad.

"If you can see someone bleeding to death in a car but can't get to them, it's frustrating," Poor said.

Poor also felt communications equipment would be high on the group's purchase list as a result of the squad's recent search and rescue exercise.

"We found the low band

radios we have don't work well in hilly terrain," he said.

Another asset to the group would be a "scoop stretcher," Poor said, which can be made flexible to the many awkward positions in which victims are found.

Poor said the Cornish Fair Association recently pledged \$1,000 to the squad.

The rescue squad, a private, non-profit corporation, is entering its third year of operation and plans to expand its services soon to include Plainfield and Meriden as well as Cornish.



# Cornish Rescue Squad work explained at school meeting

CORNISH — Several members of the Cornish Rescue Squad, serving Cornish, Meriden and Plainfield, held a public informational meeting at the Cornish School recently.

Daniel Poor, president, explained the group is non-profit and provides medical emergency care funded exclusively by donations, and fund raising projects. Some of their equipment is on loan from regional and federal agencies. With use of a map, people in the audience learned where members are located and how the squad can be reached. The squad works in conjunction with both the Windsor and Lebanon ambulance services. However, they may be reached by calling the Windsor Ambulance Service and requesting either a Cornish Rescue Squad member or both ambulance and squad.

The message is relayed to the Claremont Fire Station and squad members are notified to respond to the calls by use of a plectron system. Plectron units are located in the members' homes in addition to the portable units they carry with them. The system takes less than one minute to work and frequently squad members reach the scene of an emergency before the ambulance arrives.

They respond to automobile accidents, home fires, search and rescue situations and brush fires. They recently responded to a major fire in Claremont and

often serve as back-up crew for the Windsor Ambulance during Windsor fires. Members are prepared to respond in any major disaster at the Lebanon Airport as well as other regional centers. They have also participated in drills at area hospitals.

A duty team of from three to five people are on call from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and all those available respond during daytime hours and weekends.

The squad has 18 members, 14 of whom are registered Emergency Medical Technicians. Six of them have a National Registry License and may legally serve on any ambulance crew. Four members have advanced first aid training. Four others are qualified to give instruction in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Members are also trained in automobile extraction and repelling. They constantly update their knowledge by taking refresher courses.

Each member carries a jump kit including several large dressings, splints and blood pressure equipment. Some have small oxygen units. All are capable of stopping a patient from bleeding and can clear the airway so the patient may breathe.

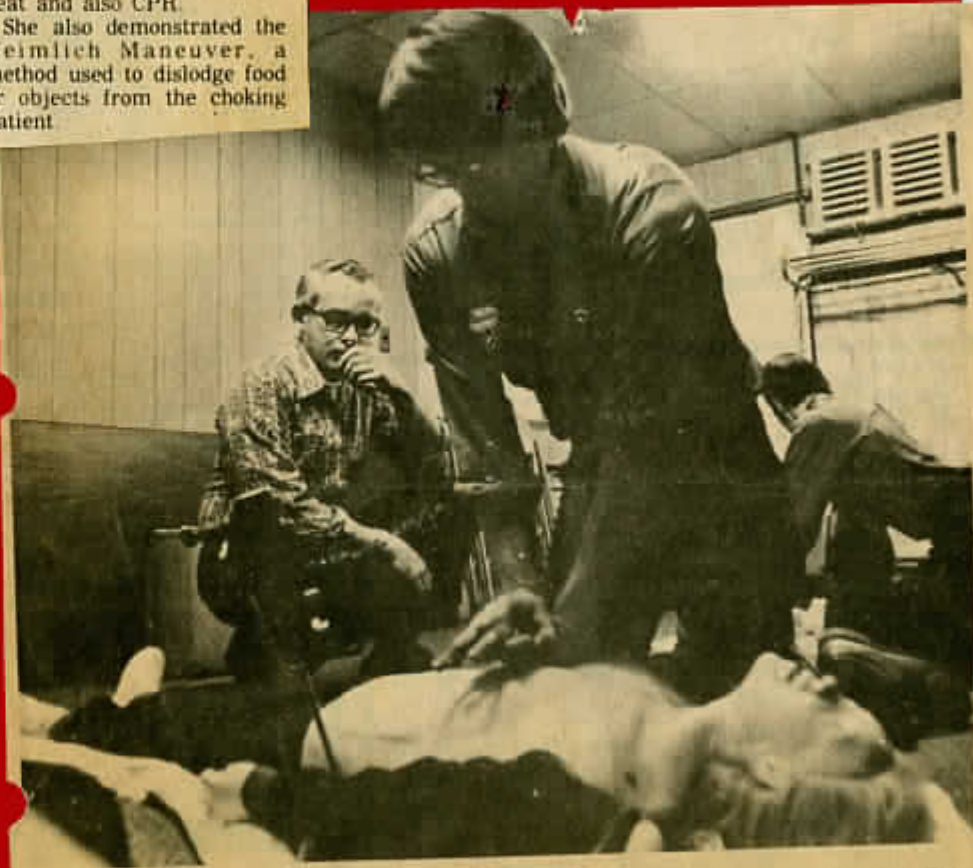
The squad has a light duty rescue vehicle which carries suction equipment, oxygen, splints and extrication equipment. It also carries a 10 kw generator and several 500 watt spotlights. Two-way radio equipment in the vehicle and some of the mem-

bers' vehicles are used to keep communication open at all times with area emergency services.

Mrs. John Rand, training officer in the squad, as well as chairman for the training and education committee of the New Hampshire Assn. of Emergency Medical Techni-

cians, presented several demonstrations on how to revive a person by breathing for him, providing the heart beat and also CPR.

She also demonstrated the Heimlich Maneuver, a method used to dislodge food or objects from the choking patient.



CPR TRAINING — John H. Rand practices cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a special electronic doll, Recordi-Anne, as Lewis O. Gage observes during training at Claremont General Hospital Thursday night. A dozen students, mostly Red Cross first aid instructors and teachers, completed the three-day CPR course, led by Joan Magoon of Claremont, a certified instructor-trainer for the N.H. Heart Association, in cooperation with the hospital and county, Red Cross. (News photo — Sid Leavitt)

Wednesday September 24, 1975

# Rescue squadmen learn rock-climbing techniques

CORNISH, N. H. — Recently members of the Cornish Rescue Squad participated in a rock climbing and rappelling course held at Norwich, Vt.

Instructors for the day long session were Les Greene and Karol Richardson, physical educational teachers at Stevens High School.

Members participating were John and Polly Rand, Dale and Judy Rook, Robert Hilliard, Daniel Poor and Al Crawford. The group learned procedures necessary to remove an injured person from a remote or any dangerous spot and how to do this in the safest and easiest way.

Karol Richardson will be

teaching the group on hypothermia, which is exposure to the cold and elements, which might be evident in a search mission and how to prevent and deal with it, both in the patient and the squad member.

Recently squad members participated in a practice session to review and learn new procedures necessary in their rescue work. Periodically drills are held on all procedures EMT's have trained in.

Recently receiving certificates as a registered Emergency Medical Technician have been Lewis Gage, Daniel Poor, Mary Decatur, Scott Kearns and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt. Also Susan Mistler and Kenneth Lind. Another course for EMT training will soon be given at Hanover, interested persons may contact, Mrs. John Rand. Also an advanced first aid course will be offered interested people by qualified members of the squad.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization dedicated to the safety and well being of Cornish residents and those in surrounding towns if necessary. Members have devised a call system to enable better use of the squad's capabilities.

During night hours people needing help may contact any squad member they prefer at their homes, otherwise members may be contacted

Ambulance Service, 674-2112 which serve the Town of Cornish and request only that squad members respond if an ambulance is not needed. Members will be notified by use of the Electron System in their homes and through a rotating call system usually three members will respond, depending on the area and the need.

Meetings of the squad are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and new members are always welcome.

Members which may be contacted in case of need are John and Polly Rand, James and Pam Lukash, Edwin Lawrence, Bob Hilliard, Daniel Poor, Joan Baillargeon, Judy and Dale Rook, Scott Kearns, Mary Decatur and Lewis Gage.



## Rescuers are praised

### To the Cornish Rescue Squad:

The people of the Boston and Maine are deeply appreciative of the support and emergency assistance given us by the Cornish Rescue Squad.

At the time of the derailment in Cornish the Rescue Squad stood by with first aid supplies and ambulance in case they were needed. They remained during the re-railing of the cars and during track repair.

They were on the scene when a rail snapped injuring three Boston and Maine men, and they helped the men into the ambulance and got them to the hospital for treatment in a matter of minutes.

These dedicated men and women of the Cornish Rescue Squad are a credit to New England, showing concern for fellow men and tenacity to responsibility.

Alan Dustin

President Boston & Maine Railroad



**CORNISH RESCUE VEHICLE** — Edwin G. Lawrence of Upper Valley Fire Equipment, at center, presents keys of new reserve rescue vehicle to Lewis O. Gage, president of Cornish Rescue Squad. Flanking them are Robert Hilliard, at left, and squad vice president Daniel A. Poor and member Scott Kearns, at right. Truck is equipped with 1,000-watt floodlights and a 3,000-watt generator. The squad, now in its third year of service, met Saturday at Cornish School for search and rescue instruction and a mock emergency drill. (News photo—John Carton)

6 Thursday March 25, 1976

### *Vally News* Cornish Squad Re-elects Poor *1/28/76*

CORNISH — Daniel A. Poor was re-elected president of the Cornish Rescue Squad at a recent meeting of the group.

Lewis O. Gage was elected vice-president, Edwin G. Lawrence treasurer, and Debby Jordan secretary. John Rand was elected to the board of trustees.

The rescue squad will be offering an advanced first aid course at the elementary school Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. The 40-hour course will run two nights per week for several weeks and will enable a person to become eligible for a New Hampshire ambulance attendant's license.

## Cornish rescue squad to meet on Tuesday

CORNISH, N. H. — At the regular meeting of the Cornish Rescue Squad plans were finalized for an area meeting to be held at the Plainfield School, Meriden Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Squad members feel the need to develop more coordination between themselves and other emergency services in the area. They would like to be able to offer their assistance to the emergency services and residents of Plainfield-Meriden.

Invited to attend were Windsor, Cornish and Plainfield, N. H. fire chiefs, the police chief of Plainfield, and constables of both towns.

Also the Sullivan County Sheriffs Department, state police and area ambulance service and conservation officers.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has 19 members, 16 of whom are trained emergency medical technicians, four of whom are Nationally registered medical technicians.

They have assisted the Windsor Ambulance Service on calls within Cornish, provided first aid coverage at large gatherings, such as the Cornish Fair and Cones Field Day and participated in many aspects of search and





Windsor Fire, 1979





# Cornish Rescue squad services are outlined

By RUTH ROLLINS  
Eagle-Times Staff

MERIDEN, N.H. — Selectmen, local law officials and chiefs from both Cornish and Plainfield, N.H. Fire Departments as well as ambulance service operators met with the members of the Cornish Rescue Squad Tuesday evening to map out long range plans for future emergency medical services offered by the squad.

The meeting held at the Plainfield School, Meriden, was attended by 25 people. Lewis O. Gage, squad commander, opened the meeting with the showing of a film "I Love You Frank." It showed the great need for emergency medical assistance in communities such as Cornish and Plainfield.

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint officials of the Town of Plainfield with the services the squad has to offer and the possibility of offering the service to the citizens of that community.

When asked by Gage if they thought the squad could be of value to them, Louis Houser, selectman of Plainfield stated he was very impressed with what he saw. A communications system would have to be discussed before more concrete plans could be made, by either the squad or the Town of Plainfield.

The service would be offered free of charge to Plainfield residents as it is to Cornish residents. The squad, which is going into its third year, is a non-profit organization, supported by donations and fund raising projects, such as the "Uncle Gus Show" they will sponsor on April 24 at Stevens High School Auditorium.

The squad has answered about 30 calls each of the two years it has been in operation. It has also participated in search and rescue in both Cornish and Hartland, Vt.

The squad meets regularly and at least once a month a training session is held, to

reinforce skills already learned and to learn new skills to enable them to cope with any disaster that they may be faced with.

During April the squad will be holding an extraction practice drill. The group will also be involved in the near future with a Mountain Rescue Course, learning more life support techniques. The course will be taught by members of the medical Services of New Hampshire. Squad members will be practicing techniques in bandaging, splinting under stress in rugged terrain. Among other things they will also use their Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation expertise in which they have trained.

A training session is also planned where they will be working with the fish and game department and local conservation officers, learning better search techniques, needed when a person becomes lost.

Cornish Rescue Squad includes 16 emergency medical technicians, four of whom are nationally registered. They also have four advanced CPR instructors and four advanced first aid instructors.

Roger Bradley, deputy chief of the Hanover Fire Department and chairman of Ambulance District A6, which Cornish residents voted to join at their annual town meeting was in attendance. Plainfield also belongs to this ambulance district. Bradley urged selectmen of Plainfield to look into the offer of help from the Cornish Rescue Squad. He said he was very impressed with the structural system the squad has.

John Roch, Lebanon Ambulance Service, also was in attendance. His service provides Plainfield emergency transportation and felt communications problems could be worked out if the service was available to the town.

# Rescue squad halfway to goal

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CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad has reached the half-way mark in their quest for funds in their Capitol Fund Drive.

The purpose of the drive is to raise funds to construct a two-bay garage to house its light duty rescue vehicle, equipment and office space.

Several substantial cash gifts and pledges have been made to the group, including \$700 from the Blow-Me-Down Snowriders and \$1,000 from Kimball Union Academy.

A 99-year lease on a parcel of land, located on Route 120, has been acquired and the squad has applied for a building permit. Plans are underway to clear the land as soon as the necessary paper work has been completed and permits received.

The building, which was originally planned to be 30 by 40 feet, has been changed to 24 by 48 feet and will be heated. Insulation is planned for exterior walls and ceiling and insulated overhead doors are also planned.

Rough lumber will be used to cut down on costs and it is hoped donations of lumber and other materials will be received. Members plan to provide much of the actual labor for building, and welcome other volunteers.

The squad furnishes emergency medical care in cooperation with area ambulance crews and is made up of 15-20 people from Plainfield and Cornish.

Squad members are all registered EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) and many are trained in advance life support procedures also. Members respond to both medical emergencies and fire calls, including mutual aid calls.

The squad does not bill for its services to individuals, but it does receive \$1,500 annually from both the towns of Cornish and Plainfield to defray

operating costs. All other funds are raised by the members themselves through dances, dinners and other activities. This income is supplemented by donations of former patients.

Other donations may be mailed to the Cornish Resue Squad, P.O. Box 235, Cornish Flat, or may be sent to the squad's capital fund account at the Claremont Savings Bank

Site plan on agenda



## To build two-bay garage

# Cornish Rescue Squad opens \$10,000 drive

By RUTH ROLLINS

CORNISH, N. H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad is conducting a Capital Fund Drive with a goal set at \$10,000, for 30- by 40-foot constructing a two-bay garage.

The building will house their light duty rescue vehicle which carries rescue equipment and medical supplies and an electric generator, which has been instrumental in use at many fires in Cornish, Plainfield and surrounding towns, including the Joy fires in Claremont.

Land for the project has been located near the building which houses the rescue truck at present, which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Edson. The Edsons have donated the use of a building for this purpose for the past seven years.

The present building is unheated and much of the

modern equipment the squad has acquired must be stored in a heated environment because it will not tolerate freezing temperatures. Presently it is being stored at the homes of members of the volunteer organization.

The squad is in the process of going through the right channels for permits to allow the start of construction. Blueprints have been drawn up which allow space for the truck, room to work on it, storage and office space.

Many men hours of research has been put into the planning by several people, to build the best possible energy efficient building to meet their needs.

Six inches of insulation is being planned for side walls and 18 inches for the ceiling and insulated overhead doors are also planned. Rough lumber

will be used for the shell to cut down on costs and much of the actual labor will be done by members and other volunteers for the project.

Since the formation of the group in 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad has provided people of the area with skilled emergency medical care in cooperation with ambulance service from Claremont, Windsor and Lebanon.

Squad members often are able to respond to an emergency even quicker than the ambulance can reach the site of an emergency.

The squad has between 15 and 20 members at all times, four of which have been members since the beginning of its activities. All are registered Emergency Medical Technicians with many trained in advanced life support procedures.

Cornish Rescue Squad member are dispatched to the scene by the Claremont Fire Department, they respond to both emergency medical and fire calls.

Since 1974 the members have raised funds to purchase basic medical supplies and equipment through dances, raffles and other activities. Their major fund raising event each year are the "Ham and Bean" suppers put on at the Cornish Fair. This income supplemented by donations.

The squad treats approximately 40 patients at the Cornish Fair for small medical emergencies that occur, such as slivers, and heat exhaustion. They provide this service annually, as well as the many calls they receive throughout the year, which have totaled as many as 88.

The squad still does not

bill for its services to individual patients but does receive \$1,500 annually from the towns of Cornish and Plainfield to help with their operating expenses, which is no more than half the annual budget.

Funds are desperately needed by the squad to assure the completion of the project and may be sent directly to the Squad Capitol Fund account at the Claremont Savings Bank or may be mailed to the Cornish Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 235, Cornish, N.H. 03743.

Any donor desiring anonymity may contact a member of the committee which includes, Peter H. Burling, and Daniel A. Poor, co-chairmen, E. Leonard Barker, Catherine Hier, Cornish, or Gardiner McLeay, Meriden.

# Cornish rescue vehicle homeless

CORNISH, N. H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad is conducting a fund drive for the purpose of constructing a 24 by 40 foot building to house its emergency rescue vehicle.

The need for this construction is even greater now. On Tuesday afternoon the building which presently housed the truck collapsed from the heavy snow on its roof. The truck was not damaged and is being housed at the home of Andrew Kuhre, Cornish Flat.

The light duty rescue vehicle carries equipment and medical supplies as well as an electric generator, which has often been used to supply light at fires, both in town and at fires serviced by mutual aid.

A 99-year lease on a parcel of land located on Route 120 has been acquired and members of the squad cut trees and brush there prior to the snow storms readying the

property for construction purposes.

Members plan to provide much of the actual labor, but many materials are still needed which funds will not cover and donations of both materials and labor will be welcomed by the squad.

The building will be insulated and heated, so much of the equipment stored in members' homes may be housed there.

Several cash gifts and pledges have been made to the group, including \$700 from the Blow-Me-Down Snowriders, also a \$1,000 donation from Kimball Union Academy. Many more dollars are needed so that the squad will be able to start the construction just as soon as the snow melts and they can get on the land.

The squad has 15 registered Emergency Medical Technicians. Many are also trained in advance life support procedures. The squad furnishes emergency medical care in cooperation with area ambulance services and is made up of people from both Cornish and Plainfield.

The squad covered a total of 20 calls in 1981 as well as 40 more minor incidents at the Cornish Fair in August. Members often assist the Claremont Fire Department and the Windsor Fire and Ambulance Service. At its Jan. 26 meeting, the group was joined by Dr. Walter Frye, Meriden, who discussed calls they had previously responded to and various medical situations they had been involved in.

Dr. Frye did a follow-up

meeting the concerns of the members by giving information to them following their emergency treatments. The squad members were well pleased with his presentation and feel his attendance at meetings will be a definite asset in the future education of keeping up with medical demands.

Dale Rook was elected commander of the squad at the annual meeting; Gary Hier, vice commander; Myron Kuhre,

treasurer and Nancy Cherrier, secretary.

Kuhre and Cherrier were voted to join Hier, Rook and John Rand as trustees for the coming three years.

Donations may be mailed to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Box 235, Cornish Flat 03746 or to the squad's Capitol Fund Drive account at the Claremont Savings Bank. Rook wants to thank all those people who have given to the drive.



1981-working on the float-



DAVE  
SUE  
STEVE  
POLLY

# Cornish Rescue Squad has top float at fair

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad took top prize money in the floats division of the Cornish Fair parade held Saturday afternoon, with their depiction of Heidi.

"A Salute to Disney Movies..." by the Cornish Fire Department placed second, and Alice in Wonderland by the Cody's Kids 4-H Club, Sunapee, earned third place. Coming in fourth was "Old Man of the Sea" by Mooselauke Grange, Haverhill.

Jimmy Zullo earned first place as Grizzly Adams in the children's division as did Dawn Cushing as Aphroditos from the Clash of the Titans.

Michelle and Debbie Muse also placed first as Mary Poppins and Darth Vader from Star Wars. A group of youngsters including Devin and Rachel Hamel, Shannon and Hilliary LeDeu, Nicky Marcotte and Kathy Litevich placed first as characters from Clash of the Titans also.

Second place winners were, Terri Zullo, as the Wizard of Oz; Jason and Jeremy Hamel as "The Klingons" from Star Trek; Kristy DePoyster from the Aristocrats and Timmy Rand as Superman.

The parade was led by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of

Troop and Pack 332, respectively, followed by Fair Prince Aaron Benware and Princess Shannon Stone, who were driven by Richard Wood and his team of horses.

The 1980 prince and princess Jonathon Stone and Carrie Cooper were driven by Daniel Soucy driving a 923 Model T Ford Depot Hack.

Valerie Bugbee, 1980 Cornish Fair queen was followed by floats and the 1981 "Miss Cornish Fair," Lisa Tewksbury. Other queen contestants included Rita Fontaine, first runnerup, Kathy Merrill, Jamie Casey, Susan Stocker, Karen Rastallis and Sheri Rook.

Other floats included Noah's Art, sponsored by Meriden Grange; Charlotte's Web, sponsored by Blood Brook Bale Busters, 4-H Club, Meriden and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, sponsored by the Hemlock Hi-Toppers 4-H Club, Charlestown.

Bands present were the Claremont Fife and Drum Corp, sponsored by the American Legion Post, Claremont and the Shriners Bektash Temple band. Leaping Lena, a trick car owned VFW, Newport and several antique vehicles including a 1922 Model T Pumper, driven by George Whipple; a 1930 Model

A Ford, driven by Brian Carley; a 1931 Packard, driven by George Kimball and a 1935 Maxim Fire truck driven by Carroll Hatch, were also in the parade.

Fire trucks from all area towns participated as did the Cornish Rescue Squad vehicle. Several horses also entered the parade, including Harrison Miles who drove a team of dapple gray mares pulling a delivery wagon and John Hammond drove his team pulling a 1919 threshing machine owned by Floyd and Helen Rogers, Plainfield, which was left on display following the parade. Michael McLaughlin also had a horse and buggy in the parade.

John Clegg, Plainfield, drove his pair of oxen, "Brute and Zeke" following Cheryl LeClaire's mare and colt.

The lineup of children and vehicles was interspersed with antics by Scrub Board Slim and three clowns.

Tri-State Timberlands donated a load of logs to be raffled to raise funds to support the annual Woodsman's Field Day, they were hauled by a truck donated by Elmen-dorf Board Corp in the parade.

The six-cord load was later won by John W. Caramore, Charlestown.







## Beans and ham at Cornish Fair

CORNISH, N. H.— The Cornish Rescue Squad will serve its annual "Baked Bean and Ham" suppers at the Cornish School in conjunction with the Cornish Fair.

Servings will be continuous both Friday and Saturday from 5-7:30 p.m.

The menu also includes salads, an assortment of home made breads and pickles, coffee, tea and lemonade, with gingerbread and jello for dessert.

Funds raised will be used toward the building fund to provide a new building for their rescue truck and office space for the volunteer group of emergency medical technicians.



Cornish Fair Supper-1981







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# FARM SAFETY





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# Rescue Squad seeks funding from Plainfield and Cornish

CORNISH, N.H. — The Cornish Rescue Squad voted Monday at its annual meeting to ask the towns of Plainfield and Cornish for their annual donation of \$1,500 each toward the Rescue Squad budget of approximately \$6,000. The rest is raised through fundraising events by squad members, as well as donations from the families they serve.

Dale Rook was re-elected president of the Cornish Rescue Squad. John Rand was elected vice president, Judy Rook re-elected as secretary and Myron Kuhre, re-elected treasurer.

Trustees named were Rand, Rook, Kuhre and Robert Drye and Daniel Poor.

Under discussion was a training session which is being

spearheaded by Kuhre for the purposes of extricating injured persons from farm machinery.

Kuhre is coordinating the course on a trial basis for local emergency medical technicians, as well as those in area towns. He will be working with Emergency Medical Services at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover.

Kuhre hopes to give EMTs a hands-on experience in actual extrication practices. He and Linda Rice and Alice Jordan recently attended a similar training session in Springfield, Mass. All three are familiar with farm machinery accidents through their farm life backgrounds.

The Cornish Rescue Squad has plans for an open house to show off its newly-acquired building, which is nearly 98

percent completed. During the fundraising drive \$13,000 was raised and there were many hours of volunteer labor and donated equipment.

The Cornish Rescue Squad responds without charge to auto accidents, medical emergencies in the home, and mutual aid calls for both fire and ambulance to Claremont and Windsor.

The squad provides emergency medical services throughout the two-day Cornish Fair, and covers both Cornish and Plainfield. Rescue Squad members made a total of 111 calls during 1982.

The Rescue Squad vehicle is currently undergoing repair work and a paint job, but will be back in operation soon. Squad members each carry medical supplies, however, and are still on call.



SPRING 1983

Rescue Truck

Before and After

New Paint Job

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# Cornish Rescue Squad cele

By RUTH ROLLINS  
Contributing Writer

CORNISH — When Jim Fitch became entangled in a downed, live, high-voltage wire while helping firefighters extinguish a fire in a remote area near his home, Cornish resident James Lukash put his own life in danger to lift the cable from his back and was credited with saving Fitch's life.

Fitch received severe burns, hospitalizing him for many weeks and requiring several surgical procedures, but through the quick action of the trained squad members he survived to lead a fairly normal life.

The Cornish Rescue Squad recently marked 25 years of service. Charter members, current members and others who have been involved with the squad were honored at a dinner and program at Singing Hills in Meriden, N.H. State Rep. Peter Burling presented a commendation, signed by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, recognizing their work. Squad President Jim McCarragher showed a slide show depicting the early years of the squad.

Though members have come and gone, the all-volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad has dedicated itself to provide the highest quality care possible to serve its community. They have a commitment they have lived by for 25 years. At least one of them is most often first to arrive on the scene of an accident or at any emergency situation to administer first aid and prepare patients for transport to area hospitals, while waiting for an ambulance. The squad has also provided emergency coverage during many Scouting activities and at various field days.

Since its organization in 1974, when emergency medical services were in their infancy, it has been a first response team, with a primary goal of providing prompt emergency medical care to those in need. Whether the situation is a fire, a car accident, a missing person, a train wreck, or a canoeist overturned in the Connecticut River, they have been there.

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Emergency Medical Services of the New Hampshire Division of Public Health. It was taught by Royal Wallace, with the help of Larry Stickney, from area ambulance services.

The training included mouth to mouth resuscitation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, splinting, as well as many other medical emergency treatments. Following a stringent test given by several doctors and ambulance personnel, they earned certification to serve as Emergency Medical Technicians. Eleven of the initial 13 became charter members of the Cornish Rescue Squad. Several of them eventually earned advanced training status.

Through the efforts of lawyer Peter Burling, the squad was officially registered as a nonprofit organization.



Following the training, Polly Rand's interest was sparked and the mother who didn't want to become involved in any organization was voted in as the first president. Later serving as their training officer for a time. She also served on the training and education committee of the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical Technicians at a later date. James Lukash, became the first vice president and Pam Lukash became the secretary.

Other members included John Rand, Robert Hilliard, Joan Baillargeon, Edwin Lawrence, Judy and Dale Rook, Shirley Sullivan.

Initially the squad scrounged for equipment and supplies getting them from any place possible, even asking area businesses or offices for extra scissors they

neighboring towns and the city of Claremont. In June 1976, Ed Lawrence offered the squad a light duty rescue truck, which they equipped with oxygen, splints, suction equipment, extrication tools and floodlights. Since that time they have often been called to emergency scenes in all communities where lighting was needed. One of those times was at the large Claremont Paper Mill fire, another at the J.J. Newberry's store in Windsor.

During the early years of their service, they worked with the Cornish Civil Defense to rewire portions of the school, to ensure electrical service in the event of long power outages.

Several people who have worked with the squad over the years have often served as standby ambulance crews for the Windsor Fire Department when requested.

They have also been in coordination with the Civil Air Patrol and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Cornish, Plainfield, Meriden and Claremont Fire Departments, as well as area ambulance services.

For many years the squad members operated with their own fund-raising efforts, holding raffles, food sales, concerts, and baked bean suppers to purchase jump kits of medical supplies, which included dressings, blood pressure equipment, splints and small oxygen units. In later years they earned much of their funds during the annual Cornish Fair in August, where they have provided first aid coverage since forming. They have also used money won by entering floats in the fair parade.

They have purchased equipment and supplies from special donations and received some



Not all the calls the squad responds to have been as critical as the Fitch injury, but members have responded to their share of severe situations, including one in which an accident took the life of one squad member.

Squad member Edward Bourne II lost his life during an accident while tapping trees for maple sugaring season. "Answering that call was a very shocking time for the squad members," said Polly Rand, former president of the rescue squad.

In another call, the squad responded to an overturned car that was full of teen-agers celebrating graduation.

To crawl under an overturned car to help a stranger takes courage and dedication — this squad has had plenty of both.

The all-volunteer group of people leave warm beds many nights to go to the aid of their neighbors and townspeople. They provide mutual aid for area towns, sharing their medical knowledge, which has been earned at their own expense.



The nonprofit corporation was the initial idea of Robert Hilliard and Ed Lawrence, together with the support of Dr. Matthew Friedman. All saw a need for such an organization, realizing squad members could reach a patient, in most cases, several minutes quicker than the response time for an ambulance from Windsor or Claremont.

Hilliard and Lawrence discussed the idea at a meeting of the Cornish Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary in the fall of 1973.

"I had never heard of CPR until that time, but I was a new mother, with a brand new baby, living way out from medical services and said I would like to get the training, but didn't want anything to do with an organization. I wanted it for myself and my family," said Polly Rand, a former squad president.

Dale Rook, who was no stranger to first aid knowledge, having been in the military and a Boy Scout leader, became interested and said, "If we are going to do this, we ought to do it right."

Others agreed. Initially 13 Cornish residents took an emergency medical training course at the Claremont Vocational Technical College in November of 1973, which was provided by the

might share.

Following Bourne's accident, donations given in his memory to the rescue squad were used to provide the squad's first safety bunker gear (in red) which helped members look and feel more official when responding to calls.

Since the squad formed, they have met on the fourth Tuesday each month, at which time training has been held. New members have taken course after course as well as technicians taking recertification training. Mock disaster training sessions have included most any kind of emergency that members might encounter. Among them are search and rescue, which has included rock climbing and repelling, to learn the best and safest way to remove an injured person from a ravine or any dangerous spot. Also what to do in case of hypothermia (exposure to cold and elements), splinting and back board removal, which has been especially helpful during snowmobile accidents, which they have responded to. Also cardiopulmonary procedures, and the use of defibrillators, purchased by the squad.



Early in their first year they were called to the Connecticut River, where a young canoeist had presumably drowned, while on an excursion with six friends. At that time the squad recognized the need for a sign at Sumner's Falls.

They voted to construct and erect large warning signs to be placed upstream from this dangerous spot and spent several weekends building and painting them. The signs warn canoeists to portage around the dangerous sections. A Dartmouth student assisted members in locating the exact spot the signs should be placed.

Drownings and mass casualty incident training has helped the squad extricate people from crashed autos. Their first such course was held soon after forming.

Following classroom instruction for learning the use of small hand tools, both men and women gathered for a hands-on training session to learn how to remove car tops, windshields, door locks and floor boards in order to remove victims safely. The training sessions, are always critiqued.

The squad not only responds to Cornish residents, but helps

equipment from New Hampshire Ambulance District A-6. The squad represents Cornish on the Ambulance District Board, which is a group responsible for supervising emergency medical care in the area.



One of the primary goals of the squad from the beginning has been to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for Cornish and Plainfield residents. Widespread training of their program has helped to prevent loss of life and permanent injury. They have continued this practice throughout the schools and community.

New members spend many hours taking the training to become Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and once certified must periodically take recertification courses. They spend many hours beyond their regularly scheduled meetings attending seminars.

Over the years the number of calls have increased, many of them medical emergencies in homes, auto accidents and fires. Just last year they answered 150 calls.

In September 1976, an agreement was reached with the Plainfield Board of Selectmen to provide services to Plainfield residents. During 1978 and '79 the squad received \$1,500 from the town of Cornish, by using revenue sharing funds. This amount was voted through special articles the next two years, and finally became a regular budget item in 1982. Now their operating costs are shared by voters in both Cornish and Plainfield. Major fund-raising and donations are used for special equipment and vehicle restoration.

For several years, the squad housed their truck in the Edson family's storage building, which collapsed from the weight of snow during 1982. For some time the squad felt they needed a building to hold sessions and to store equipment in. When the building collapsed, they conducted a major fund-raising campaign. The effort realized more than \$13,000 in donations.

The squad took a 99-year lease on the Edsons' land, which is located on the corner of Center Road and Route 120. Work bees were held to clear the land. The town highway crew helped by bringing in fill.

Architect Stephen Tracy designed the building and the foundation and cement slab were



# celebrates 25 years of service

contracted out.

One weekend, an old-fashioned barn-raising took place with about 30 volunteers erecting the shell of the building. The material was bought at contractors' costs and the nails were donated by Esersky's Hardware in Claremont.

The chimney, roof work and sheetrocking were also contracted. They hung an insulated overhead door and the Cornish Fair Association donated an electric door opener. Squad members were ever grateful to the community for supporting this effort. The volunteer labor and equipment saved the community between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

On May 20, 1983, an open house was held at the squad building, which had space for their rescue truck, for their records — that had previously been stored in members homes. At the same time they displayed their refurbished rescue truck.

Due to an increasing number of calls every year, costs — including insurance for the squad — increased so much that both Cornish and Plainfield residents were asked at their March meetings to appropriate greater funds to support the squad.

In addition to the appropriations, major fund drives helped the squad acquire a new rescue truck chassis to replace the aging 1964 International. The old body was used until enough funds could be raised to replace it and update communication equipment. A fund drive is currently under way to refurbish their 12-year-old vehicle.



Over the years the squad has been a viable part of the community, and at least two of its members have been honored for saving people's lives.

The entire squad was also recognized by the Plainfield Blow-Me-Down Grange in 1982, when they were presented the Grange Community Citizenship Award, a National Grange award, for outstanding community service. Nineteen men and women volunteering at that time were honored.

Many residents of both Cornish and Plainfield have been members during the 25 years, some have chosen not to be EMTs, but rather to support the group by helping in other ways. Some have put in 15 or 20 years, but Dale Rook is the only charter member who has served throughout the entire growth of the squad. He has decided to step down this year.

Rook and his wife, Judy, who served as a squad member for 15 years, were the first responders in the Route 12A section of town for all those years.

"I'm very comfortable with the work I've done, there are a lot of new people and I feel it is a good time to officially resign," said Rook. "The squad has always had a good number of active people involved. We have been highly regarded by people in the community and have had a good reputation from fire and public departments, I think that will continue."

Squad meetings are always open to anyone interested. The service has always been free to whoever needed it, however, donations are gratefully accepted.

Polly Rand said, "It is so

rewarding to see new people having the enthusiasm to keep providing such a good service. It takes the whole community to keep something like this strong; it takes a huge amount of time and training. I can remember when we got our first radio for our truck, we were so excited. Now it is wonderful that they have so much better safety equipment, better radios and can have defibrillators."

Jim McCarragher, current president of the squad, is proud that the squad was able to sponsor, in cooperation with local fire departments, the Claremont Fire Department Training Unit, which brought their two-story mobile unit to Meriden, Plainfield and Cornish, to teach school children about fire safety.

He is also proud that the squad co-sponsored a Bicycle Safety Rodeo, which was well-attended. In 1998 the squad assisted in giving 150 bicycle helmets to children in Plainfield and Cornish.

McCarragher also noted the importance of the support from area business establishments, which allow squad members to take time from their work to respond to calls. "That is a critical piece," he said.



*State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Jeanne Shaheen, Governor*

## *A Commendation*

### **CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**

**WHEREAS**, in April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created by 11 concerned citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the founders of the Rescue Squad were Joan Baillargeon, the late Ed Bourne II, Robert Hilliard, Ed Lawrence, Jim & Pam Lukash, John & Polly Rand, Dale & Judy Rook and Shirley Sullivan; and

**WHEREAS**, the founders of the Rescue Squad were true visionaries of modern Emergency Medical Services; and

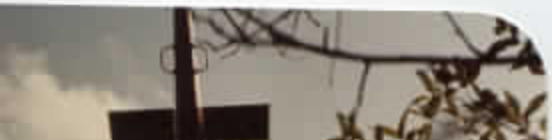
**WHEREAS**, today the Cornish Rescue Squad is a non-profit independent organization with 30 members that serve the communities of Cornish and Plainfield with distinction and excellence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend the **CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD** and urge all citizens to recognize the support of the residents of Cornish and Plainfield with their annual fundraising drive and in the town budgets.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this twentieth day of October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and twenty four.

*Jeanne Shaheen*  
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**GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**













## Cornish Rescue takes parade honors

CORNISH, N. H. — Top prize money went to the Cornish Rescue Squad, with their float titled the "Apple of My Eye" depicting apple cider time in New Hampshire. It was pulled by Nathan Cass's team of horses.

Thousands of people lined the parade route for the Saturday event, a part of a three day fair which brought record breaking crowds. The 1984 Prince and Princess, Jeffrey Lord and Allison Eastman were joined by 1983's royal couple, Philip Osgood and Molly Bourne, to lead the parade.

Miss Cornish Fair 1984, Leslie Milton, Newport, Rita Fontaine, 1983 winner and Kathleen Boothby, 1984 New Hampshire Fair's queen, as well as contestants Hayley Moote, Marci Sadoques and Michelle Duplessis, helped to draw spectators.

The Sullivan County 4-H Leaders Association copped second place with "Sugarin" third place went to the Sullivan County Farm Bureau "From New Hampshire Farmers to You Naturally." The Cornish Historical Society earned a fourth place with "David Hilliard Gun Shop," a buggy owned by Robert LaClair, drawn by Ralph Farnsworth's horses.

In the junior floats division the Cornish Clever Clovers 4-H Club placed first with "The Symbols of New Hampshire." The Cornish Little League took second place, with their baseball players practice session.

Other children winning prizes, following the theme New Hampshire Naturally, were Tracy White with her goat, Erin, Erika and Emele Martell as the hunter, trapper and the fishman. Little Jeremy Zullo drew much applause, sitting in an outhouse, drawn by his Dad in a cart. Jimmy and Terri Zullo also won prizes dressed as a milkman and a farmer.

Other winners were Krista Duval and Ross Ackerman, clowns, Tabatha Silver, sunning at the beach, Amelia Thrall, a New Hampshire flower girl and Rhea Howard and Laura Pedersen, swimmers.

Bands participating were the New Hampshire Ancient Fyfe Corp, Claremont, Norwich Community Band, Norwich and the Yankee Doodler, Plainfield.

The color guard was Cornish Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts which were followed by Girl Scouts and Brownies. Bill Gallagher driving a pair of steers, the Cornish

Rescue Squad and Golden Cross Ambulances as well as fire trucks from Claremont, Meriden, Plainfield, Windsor and Cornish were all parade participants.

A six-cord load of logs, entered by New Hampshire Timberland Owner's Association and later won by Margaret Clark, Unity, paraded with a large number of antique tractors from the New Hampshire Tractor and the Cast in Brass Clubs, Dublin, N.H. A 1931 antique McCormick Deering tractor raffled by the clubs, was later won by Jack McKenzie Jr., Claremont.

A large group of 4-H youngsters who were exhibitors at the fair were also among participants.

Judging was done by Roberta Niven, Washington, Tim Bergeron, Claremont, Patricia and Edwin Bosworth, Norton, Mass. and Laura Bladen, Cornish.

Many Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and New York people were attending the fair, and some as far away as Hawaii. Among those attending were 180 children and counselors from Camp Thoreau, Thetford Center.



# Man Dies After Mower Accident

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By ROBERT B. LIEBERMAN  
Valley News Staff Writer  
NEWPORT, N.H. — A 49-year-old Newport man died last night after being caught in machinery he was using to mow a field near his home. Ronald Stoddard, of Gile Road, was pronounced dead at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover about 10:40 p.m., hospital officials said this morning.

Stoddard was a general foreman at Gloenco-Newport Inc. machine shop in Newport for the last 23 years.

According to Sgt. Robert Ballou of the Newport Police Department, Stoddard was mowing the field when he fell into the blades of the deck mower, which was attached to the tractor he was riding.

A neighbor found Stoddard, he said, and called police about 7:15 p.m. Stoddard was still conscious when the police and rescue teams arrived a few minutes later, Ballou said.

Stoddard was taken to Newport hospital with injuries to the legs and back. He was later transferred to

Mary Hitchcock Hospital, where he died soon after arrival, hospital officials said.

The Newport police and Mary Hitchcock Hospital officials said this morning that they are not sure yet whether an autopsy will be performed.

Co-workers and friends of Stoddard's expressed shock at the news of his death today.

"I'm at a loss for words," said Robert Hodgman, the plant manager at Gloenco. "Everybody liked him. He was a quiet, gentle person."

Robert Hamilton, a longtime friend and co-worker, said this morning that Stoddard was an avid snowmobiler, who also enjoyed restoring antique cars. Stoddard recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary, he said.

Linda Demeis of Newport, who had been a friend of Stoddard's for more than eight years, said he was "a real family-oriented man. His family was his life."

He is survived by his wife, Karlene, and three children.



Valley News — Larry Crowe

## Sudden Snow Squall Turns Road Slippery

Frank Reed of Claremont, left, watches yesterday afternoon as emergency workers remove a man hurt in an auto accident from his car. Reed happened upon the accident scene on Route 12A in Plainfield just after it happened, and put the man inside his own car while awaiting the ambulance. Details were unavailable from police, although injuries apparently were minor.



# Volunteer Ambulance: How Will Towns Near Windsor Be Affected?

By SALLIE GRAZIANO  
Valley News Staff Writer

WINDSOR — Six Upper Valley towns depend on the Windsor ambulance service. But the squad's service to Hartland, West Windsor, Cornish, Plainfield, Reading and Windsor could suffer if the Windsor selectmen's plan to switch to an all-volunteer department headed by one full-time coordinator goes into effect, ambulance service training coordinator Lou Gage said recently.

"Vermont relies heavily on volunteerism, which is great for fundraising projects and bake sales, but not necessarily great when you're dealing with people choking to death in their homes," Gage said when he first heard of the plan.

A week ago Wednesday the selectmen voted to separate the joint fire department and ambulance service, and eliminate the positions of three full-time fire department officers, who also serve on the ambulance squad.

They plan to hire a full-time ambulance service director to coordinate an all-volunteer ambulance squad.

"We haven't fine-toothed the plan yet," Selectmen Chairman Wesley Hrydziusko said earlier this week. "It's possible to hire more people (for the ambulance service) if we don't get enough volunteers."

Finding volunteers can be difficult, especially during the daytime, according to Gage and Woodstock Ambulance Service Director George Finn. Both coordinators said the work is extraordinarily demanding.

"It's a rough business," Gage said. He's served on ambulance crews for 11 years and was a volunteer in Cornish before coming to Windsor. He

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be 11 years for me. I'm getting close."

Finn said the training requirements for volunteers in Vermont are stiffer than those in most states, contributing to the difficulty in attracting volunteers. Emergency Medical Technicians must get recertified every other year, as opposed to every three years in most states.

One weekend training session was being held this weekend for volunteers. "We're asking people to forfeit their time with their families to come out and train," Finn said. "It's hard to find people willing to do that. They have to be extremely dedicated."

Finn coordinates 10 volunteers and gets help from people doing community service through court or school programs. The squad answered about 350 calls in six towns last year, including the 50 times they automatically responded to house fires.

"We're OK at the moment, but running a daytime operation isn't getting any easier."

volunteers because an ambulance call in his area can take between two and four hours, depending on the hospital a person must be taken to. "People tell me they can't take that much time away from their shops," Finn said.

Gage said Windsor faces similar problems. The Windsor ambulance answers around 430 calls a year — 23 percent more calls than Woodstock — and the staff is smaller. Gage and the fire department's two other full-time officers are cross-trained as emergency squad personnel, and the three of them make up nearly half the ambulance squad's eight members. They will lose their jobs when the selectmen's plan to move to an all-volunteer fire department and separate ambulance crew becomes effective Jan. 1.

"When we leave, that'll leave five volunteers on the ambulance service," Gage said. Instead of six people being available to

daylight hours. Without mutual aid, there would be absolutely no coverage we could provide under this plan if one ambulance was out and we got a call for another."

The inability to keep two ambulances in service during the day could cost Windsor about \$20,000 in revenues from contracts it has with five area towns, Gage said.

Cornish, Plainfield, Reading, Hartland and West Windsor contract with Windsor for ambulance coverage, and the emergency department's reorganization has some selectmen concerned.

"We don't know just how it'll affect us," Cornish Selectmen Chairman Michael Yatsевич said yesterday. "What happens if they can't provide anything at all? There should be an adjustment in the contract."

Cornish pays Windsor a retainer to service the western part of Cornish along Route 12A

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described the commitment necessary to volunteer.

"You work your regular job, then take a 120-hour course to be an Emergency Medical Technician. You take another 32 hours of advanced lifesaving techniques, all on your own time, and you put in five to 10 hours a month going to the station taking recertification training, doing paperwork, going over the rigs.

"If you get through all that, you're lucky enough to get called out at 3 a.m. to haul some zero off a snowbank, get puked all over, and get home in time to catch a half hour of sleep before you get up for work.

"It takes its toll. I've trained at least 150 people over the last 11 years, and maybe half a dozen are still in the business. This is unique work. When you're in the back of an ambulance, it's you and the patient. His life is in your hands, and it's strenuous. For weeks, months, in some cases years afterward, you wake up in a cold sweat, wondering, 'God, did I do everything I could for that person?'"

"Some people burn out in six months. Some in six years. I don't know, maybe it'll

"There's no immediate crisis if Windsor can't furnish the service," Yatsевич said. "But Golden Cross is only supposed to fill in in an emergency. If they start responding to too many calls, it might make more sense for us to eventually contract directly with them."

Windsor Selectmen Chairman Hrydziusko said that the selectmen would not take any action to endanger residents' safety and if enough volunteers weren't available, additional full-time people could be hired to assist the ambulance coordinator. Town Manager Harold Sanders has a sign-up sheet in his office to take the names of interested candidates.

The selectmen plan to review the list when they meet Tuesday night. The whole plan to reorganize the fire department and ambulance service will be discussed by voters Dec. 27, when they meet for a public hearing.



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## Plainfield Man Pulled From

By ROBERT B. LIEBERMAN

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PLAINFIELD — A 29-year-old Plainfield man was pulled from the Connecticut River early Saturday evening by several people after he apparently was caught in a current while swimming in fast water, according to witnesses and emergency personnel at the scene. He was not seriously injured.

Perry LaPotin of Old County Road was treated at the scene by members of the Cornish Rescue Squad, one of whom had helped bring him to shore, then taken by Golden Cross ambulance to Mary Hitchcock

Memorial Hospital, where he was examined and released.

Witnesses said the near drowning occurred at about 5:30 in the evening on the New Hampshire side of the river, about 100 yards from Burnap's Island off River Road and near the intersection of Route 12A. The location is about two miles north of Sumner Falls, the site of two drownings in the last year. LaPotin was with a friend, they said.

Susan Quimby of Meriden, one of the witnesses, said she was driving alongside the river with her brother Douglas and a friend, Jim Henderson of Lebanon, when

someone stopped her. "This man jumped out and said 'I think my friend is drowning,'" Quimby said.

Quimby said she drove to nearby Edgewater Farm because she remembered the owner, Pooh Sprague, had a canoe, and to call for help. Sprague, a member of the Cornish Rescue Squad — which serves Plainfield — happened to be home with his brother-in-law, John Forbush of Londonderry, who was visiting for the holiday weekend.

"The guy (LaPotin) kept going under and the water was really fast and high," Quimby



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said. "Thank God Pooh was out in his front yard."

Sprague says he and his brother-in-law grabbed some rope and a life vest and headed out in the canoe toward LaPotin, who was bobbing in the water and thrashing his arms.

LaPotin's wife, Nancy, said yesterday that her husband got caught in a whirlpool and was towed under. "It was the current," she said. "There was a lot of rain and the river was swollen." She said the friend who was with her husband did not want to be identified.

Meanwhile, Henderson, Quimby's friend, had started swimming toward LaPotin, who he said had managed to get to a sand bar in the middle of the river. By the time the canoe got there, Henderson said, he was holding LaPotin's head above water. "I propped him up so he could catch his breath," Henderson said. "He was confused and delirious and complaining of a headache."

The three men put a life vest on LaPotin, got him into the canoe and paddled to shore.

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on the New Hampshire side, near River View Farm, Sprague said.

"He was still conscious, but he was going into shock," said Sprague, who is trained in advanced first aid. LaPotin's eyes were not dilated,

who was taken to Hitchcock hospital. A hospital spokesman said he arrived there at 6:43 p.m.

Plainfield fire and police officials also were at the scene, but Plainfield Fire Chief Peter Berry said there wasn't much for them to do by that



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Police Chief Joe Osgood of Cornish takes measurements near Anna Pluhar's car which was destroyed by the crash and the Jaws of Life used by rescue workers.

## Woman Dies In 12A Crash

By DAN BILLIN  
and ROGER CARROLL  
Valley News Staff Writers

CORNISH — A Plainfield woman was killed and five other people were injured Saturday in two-car crash on Route 12A.

Anna Pluhar, 56, died after the car she was driving collided head-on with another car driven by Michael Norton, 19, of Claremont, police said.

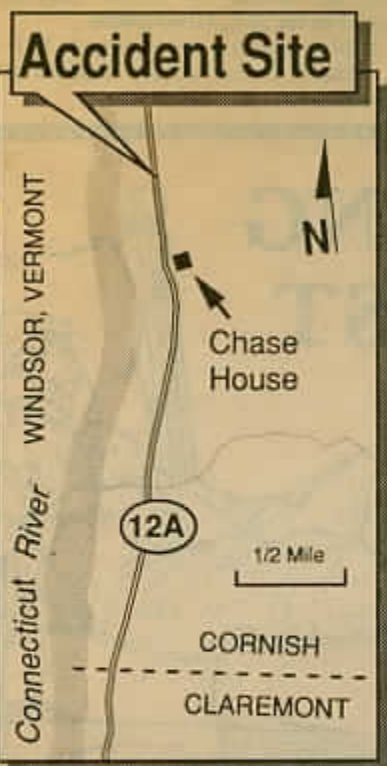
Norton's car crossed the center line on a straight stretch of the road in Cornish, just north of Chase House and about 1½ miles south of the covered bridge to Windsor,

according to a state police report. The accident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. Saturday shortly before a snowstorm. The cause of the accident is still under investigation, the police said.

Pluhar, who was co-op educator for Twin Pines Cooperative Housing Foundation, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, according to state police. Norton was treated at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont for minor injuries to an arm and face, and was released, according to a hospital spokesman.

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Valley News — D. Marotta

mayor Channing Brown.

"A very prime go-getter," was how Brown remembered Pluhar this morning. His memories of Pluhar asking the city council for money were especially vivid: "She was the kind of person who was very hard to deny. She was high-pressure when it came to getting money for that center. She was the driving force. That center wouldn't be like it is today if not for Anna.

"She was a very good administrator. Very dedicated. She was very involved in fund-raising ... and also very involved in the design and renovation of the center," Brown said. "She was a very, very excellent person in that type of job."

"I saw the Upper Valley Senior Citizens Council grow substantially under her leadership," said Tom Pryor, who was regional administrator for the state Council on Aging in Littleton when Pluhar ran the local organization.

Pryor would later become Pluhar's deputy when her advocacy on behalf of the elderly landed her the job as director of the state council. She was appointed to the job by then-governor John Sununu in September 1984, and held it until the end of 1986.

"I think it's fair to say that she established herself as a very unique person, ... a very tough administrator and a very capable administrator. On the other hand, she was genuinely concerned about the needs of people, and set standards of

excellence in social services administration."

Among her accomplishments at the state council, Pryor said, Pluhar helped draft a series of state priorities and protocols for providing services to the state's elderly population.

In an interview with the Valley News earlier this year, Pluhar acknowledged her forceful personality. She spent three months in a Carmelite monastery in 1987, but left after the other nuns decided she would change them more than they were ready to accept. "I make a difference in any community in which I live. I'm going to make a big difference," she explained during the interview this spring.

Pluhar had been working for most of a year as the co-op educator for the Twin Pines Cooperative Housing Foundation, a private, non-profit group based in Norwich and working on affordable housing in the Upper Valley.

According to John Chaffee, who was working with the foundation on behalf of the town of Hartford, Pluhar was helping the residents of two foundation-owned buildings qualify for limited-equity ownership of their apartments under a new state law.

"She'd just done a terrific job. She leaped into this with both feet," Chaffee said. "She was able to take the dense legal documents and rework them so they were readable."



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## NEWS RELEASE

It wasn't all that long ago that a sick person calling for an ambulance merely got a quick ride to the hospital in the back of a converted station wagon - kind of a "You call, we haul, that's all!" philosophy.

When the newly emerging field of Emergency Medicine was starting to take root in the 1970s, a group of volunteers in Cornish, NH, formed the Cornish Rescue Squad to provide pre-hospital emergency care to the community.

The Cornish Rescue Squad is pleased to announce that it will be celebrating 25 years of continuous care to the citizens of Plainfield and Cornish with a banquet at Singing Hills Conference Center in Plainfield, NH, on October 24, 1999. We will be honoring the founding members of the squad.

If you would like more information on the history of the Cornish Rescue Squad and its quarter century of contributions to the Upper Valley, please contact squad president Jim McCarragher at (603) 469-3505 or Margaret Drye at (603) 675-9159.



# Saving Sophie



**SAVING SOPHIE** — Michael Tidwell of the Windsor Fire Department plucks Sophie from the icy waters of Lake Runnemedé Friday afternoon as Cornish Rescue Squad members Paul Merchant and Jim Strout guide a Cornish-owned rescue boat that was used to retrieve the cockerspaniel. (Wayne Carter photos)

## Dog plucked from icy Windsor pond

By **WOJTEK STASZKIEWICZ**  
Staff Writer

**WINDSOR** — On Friday afternoon, rescue workers from Windsor and Cornish worked together to retrieve a dog that had fallen through the ice on Lake Runnemedé.

It took rescuers nearly half an hour to rescue Sophie after the cockerspaniel walked more than 150 feet from shore across a thin layer of ice before falling through.

Her motive? To catch a flock of geese standing in the middle of the lake.

Michael Tidwell of the Windsor Fire Department and Paul Merchant and Jim Strout of the Cornish Rescue Squad made their

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way through the icy water in a rescue boat provided by Cornish Rescue.

Tidwell praised the Cornish squad for supplying the vessel.

"I am not really sure what we would have done without it," he said.

Officials could not estimate how deep the water is where Sophie got stuck.

Windsor Fire Chief Lewis Gage said Sophie and her owner took frequent walks past the pond during the summer and she was accustomed to stopping for a swim.

After spotting the geese Sophie began to slowly make her way across the thin ice which officials said was no more than a half-inch thick when she broke through.

Sophie's owner followed her into the lake in an attempt to get the dog to safety, but turned back when the water got too deep.

Sophie was taken to the Windsor Animal Hospital, where she was treated and released. Gage was happy to report that both dog and owner have been reunited and are doing fine.

"Luckily, the episode ended on a happy note," Tidwell said.

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# No charges in rescue boat accident

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Cornish Rescue Squad

## Woman died when airboat sank on Conn. River in Aug.

By AARON ALDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

No criminal charges will be filed in the death of a Rockingham woman who drowned when the rescue boat transporting her capsized on the Connecticut River last August.

"My office has made the determination no charges will arise out of the death of Virginia Yates," Sullivan

County Attorney Marc Hathaway said during a press conference Tuesday afternoon.

Yates, 64, was injured on the Vermont side of the river on Aug. 22 and was being transported to Hoyt's Landing in Springfield by the Cornish Rescue Squad when the rescue boat sank. The boat is a flat-bottomed airboat most familiar to shallow swampy areas such as southern Florida.

Hathaway released a 300-page report along with a video-

tape and audio CD outlining his decision and what factors contributed to what he termed "a tragic accident."

"There is no one single factor you can point to," Hathaway said. "If you take one of the factors out, the accident wouldn't have happened."

Hathaway listed the factors as the dimensions of the airboat, unfamiliarity with the weight limitations of the boat, a lack of standard operating procedures, a lack of experience, the decision to fasten the backboard to the basket, a lack of time to assess the weight carried by the boat and the occurrence of an unexpected wake from a passing boat.

"A violation of standards does not establish criminal liability," Hathaway said. "We're not here to assign fault. We're here to see if the event rises to the level of criminal negligence."

The report analyzes the information Hathaway gathered from the multiple law enforcement agencies from New Hampshire and Vermont involved in the incident. A majority of the report chronicles interviews and statements of those involved, including transcripts of the 911 call and dispatch radio logs.

According to the report, on

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the day of the accident Yates was a passenger in a pontoon boat owned by her friend Paul Emerson Jr. At about 3:30 p.m. Yates said she required the use of a restroom and Emerson brought the boat to a dock of a mutual friend on the Vermont side of the river.

When Yates was walking toward the shore on the dock, she slipped and fell where the dock met the shore. Yates sustained scrapes on her head and arm and a sprained ankle. Emerson came to her aid, but because of physical limitations, could only assist Yates in standing upright.

Emerson went to Hoyt's landing about a half-mile north of their location to obtain help. He encountered a woman with a cell phone, Shirley Latterall, and made arrangements for a message to be relayed to a friend, Richard Crawford. Latterall overheard the conversation and called 911.

A call was made to the Cornish Rescue Squad to use its new airboat if it was needed. New Hampshire has jurisdiction in the river because the state border is the river's western shore.

Crawford, along with Richard Martin, Rohr Cook and Matthew Bresland all arrived at Hoyt's landing and met with Emerson

prior to the arrival of any EMT personnel. Emerson took Martin and Cook to Yates' location and then returned to Hoyt's landing to direct EMT personnel to the scene.

Springfield firefighter Aaron Sylvester offered the services of his V-hull boat to assist with the rescue effort. Sylvester brought Emerson and three other firefighters to Yates' location where Yates was placed in a neck collar and a splint was applied to her lower leg. She was then secured to a backboard using spider straps.

The Cornish rescue boat arrived and Yates was placed in a basket that was strapped to the front of the boat. The backboard carrying Yates was then strapped to the basket.

As the rescue boat left the dock carrying Yates and three rescuers, Springfield EMT George Wheeler was asked if he wanted to ride on the airboat back to Hoyt's landing. The oper-

ator of the airboat, Robert Drye, said, "We have room for one more. It just might be a little sluggish."

Wheeler accepted the invitation and the boat left to head back to Hoyt's landing. "At 241 pounds, Wheeler's presence had more than a (minimal) impact on the positioning of the bow," the report said.

Harold Williams of Maine Yankee Airboat, the boat's manufacturer, said in the report the boat was only designed

to hold no more than four people.

"I was explaining to them that this really isn't a rescue boat," Williams was quoted in the report.

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# Family Settles Cornish Rescue Suit

By MARK DAVIS

Valley News Staff Writer

NEWPORT — After nearly five years of litigation, the children of a woman who drowned in the Connecticut River while the Cornish Rescue Squad attempted to transport her by airboat have reached an out-of-court settlement with her would-be rescuers, the boat manufacturer and the town of Springfield, Vt.

Just as the three-week trial was set to get underway this month, attorneys notified Sullivan County Superior Court that the survivors of 64-year-old Virginia Yates of Rockingham, Vt. had reached a settlement for an unspecified amount and dropped their claim that her death was "tragic and preventable."

Attorneys refused to discuss the terms of the settlement, citing a confidentiality agreement.

"It is settled subject to confidentiality," said Jeffrey Osburn, the Manch-

ester-based attorney for the family. "I do know that the family is happy that this is finally behind them, and I think it resolved to mutual satisfaction."

Mark Attorri, attorney for the Cornish Rescue Squad, a private non-profit staffed entirely by volunteers, declined to disclose details of the settlement, citing the confidentiality agreement.

"The rescue squad is very pleased for the squad, the Yates family, and for the town that the matter is closed," said Attorri, of Manchester. "Above all, the squad is pleased that the Yates family can finally have some closure on this tragedy."

Yates' daughter Shari Yates and her son Christopher Aldrich did not respond to messages seeking comment.

The third plaintiff, daughter Margaret Fletcher, could not be reached for comment.

The case was slowed by technical legal issues surrounding assertions of immunity and limited liability by the surrounding towns and the non-profit rescue squad, according to attorney James Noucas, who represented Maine Yankee Air Boats Inc., the company that sold the rescue squad the boat.

Years of litigation and depositions in the case yielded little new information about the incident, which was the subject of a lengthy report issued by Sullivan County Attorney Marc Hathaway soon after the drowning.

**The prosecutor's report concluded that the Cornish Rescue Squad had made "errors in judgment" during the fatal rescue attempt of Virginia Yates in 2006.**

While on a river outing on Aug. 22, 2006, Yates slipped and fell on a dock in Springfield, injuring her head and ankle. A bystander called 911, and Springfield firefighters responded.

Though a friend of Yates told firefighters that Yates, who never lost consciousness, would be fine and did not require emergency care, the rescuers summoned the Cornish Rescue Squad, according to Hathaway's report. The squad formed a plan to transport Yates via boat to a dock on the New Hampshire side of the river, where an ambulance was waiting, the report said.

Members of the squad responded with an airboat and rescuers strapped Yates to a backboard, which was attached to a Stokes basket secured to the bow, according to the report.

Seconds after leaving the dock, the boat was riding low in the water. After encountering the wake of another boat, the airboat quickly took on water and



# Family Reaches Settlement in Cornish Rescue Fatality Case

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sink, the report said. Yates' friend and the rescuers dove into the river to try to reach her and undo the straps that bound her to the boat, but were not successful.

Hathaway, the Sullivan County prosecutor, reviewed the incident and determined there was no basis to file criminal charges against the rescuers.

However, the prosecutor's investigation also concluded there were "errors in judgment." Among them were that the squad had spent minimal time training on the boat, which was ill-suited for river operations.

The Yates family filed a civil lawsuit in Sullivan County Superior Court in June 2007, naming the airboat manufacturer, the rescue squad and several local towns as responsible parties, and seeking damages for "medical expenses, funeral expenses, a loss of income, the loss of Virginia Yates' life, and the enjoyment of life, her wrongful death and other damages."

The parties spent much of the past three years entangled in legal battle, arguing over whether the defendants were entitled to immunity, as government bodies carrying out their duties. A Sullivan County judge rejected efforts by Springfield and the rescue squad to be classified immune from the claims. They tried to appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, but justices declined to hear the case, according to court records.

Springfield was named as a defendant because the Yateses asserted that



Virginia Yates

the town's firefighters could have carried her up a nearby embankment and onto Route 5 in Vermont for assistance, instead of risking a water-based rescue. The Yateses also asserted that the town should be liable for the decision to summon a rescue boat apparently ill-suited for the Connecticut River.

Springfield Town Manager Bob Forguites declined to disclose the terms of the settlement, referring questions to the town's attorney, Joseph Farnham of Burlington.

Farnham declined to provide the final settlement, but said the town had to pay only the \$500 deductible required by its insurance plan, which is provided through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

"You're always happy when any incident like this gets settled," Farnham said.

Plainfield resident Robert Drye, who captained the boat the day of the drowning, declined to comment on the resolution of the case.



The disabled Cornish Rescue Squad boat is seen in 2006, after the fatality.

VALLEY NEWS FILE PHOTO

VLCT did not respond to a message seeking comment.

Maine Yankee Air Boats Inc., a Maine company that has since closed, asserted during the lawsuit it did nothing wrong and warned the rescue squad that the boat was best suited to shallow water.

But Noucasm, the attorney for Maine Yankee Airboats, said the company agreed to the settlement to avoid the uncertainty of a jury trial.

"We're glad it has come to a resolution without the time and expense of trial," Noucasm said.

Cornish and Plainfield, who were

initially named as defendants, were dropped from the suit in 2009, after a judge ruled that they could not be held liable on the basis of financial contributions made to the rescue squad.

The squad no longer performs water rescues, a decision made shortly after the Yates incident, Attorri said.



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