REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence President