

## **REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD-2008**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence  
President