

REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD-2009

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

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

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

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

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

Your financial support also defrays the cost of the following:

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

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

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns or information that might be useful to our members if the need arises, information for placing E911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our squad. We welcome new membership at any time. There are two levels of membership; 1. A **Class A** member

who responds to calls as a certified and licensed First Responder or EMT and 2. A **Class B** member who does not respond to medical calls, but offers assistance with the operations of the Cornish Rescue Squad. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence
President