

**MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE ( MRVAS)  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWNS**

MRVAS wishes to thank all Valley residents and visitors who continue to support this vital community service with generous donations as well as participation in our Annual Subscription Drive. This patronage, together with the filing of medical insurance claims and private payments, allows us to remain an independent, private, non-profit corporation serving the entire Mad River Valley with volunteer crews, unsupported by your tax dollars.

In 2007 MRVAS answered 418 calls resulting in 434 patient contacts; this included 98 calls in Fayston, 46 in Moretown, 157 in Waitsfield, 110 in Warren and 7 outside the Valley. MRVAS was responsible for two Long Trail rescues within 2 weeks last summer. These are very time consuming events that require large amounts of personnel and specialized technical support. We had assistance from the local fire departments, Waterbury Back Country Rescue, Stowe Rescue and Colchester Technical Rescue.

We currently maintain three ambulances, a rescue rig equipped for vehicle extrication and off road rescue, a snowmobile with a patient tow sled and trailer, and an MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) trailer equipped to handle incidents involving as many as 50 patients. Our 4-wheel drive ambulance, a vital member of our fleet, was replaced last July with a new state-of-the art 4WD vehicle at a cost of \$141,480.00.

We receive much needed assistance from many other agencies who help us on all types of calls. To foster these cooperative relationships, MRVAS participates in quarterly Joint Agency Meetings with the local fire departments, law enforcement and occasionally area ski patrol agencies.

As of December 2007 the MRVAS roster included a total of 60 members. Each crew generally consists of a crew chief, one or two attendants and a driver. We are currently experiencing a serious shortage of medical attendants and are having a difficult time filling our duty schedule as well as additional crews for 2nd and 3rd calls. A critical component for all members of MRVAS is continual training and upgrading of procedures in order to better serve our patients. We provide all required education and training for our members and have a new First Responder course beginning in February.

As a volunteer-based organization, the service is always looking for more complete coverage with our ever-increasing response need. If you are willing to train and respond to calls, consider becoming part of the MRVAS family! We are also working to develop an auxiliary membership; so if working in the field with patients is not for you, there are plenty of other ways to help.

You can also help by becoming a subscriber. For \$40 per year, everyone you list as a resident of your household receives unlimited emergency care as well as up to two non-emergency, doctor ordered medical transports to area hospitals or nursing homes. Although any insurance coverage you have will be billed, no charges for deductibles or co-pays will be sent to you.

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