

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE 2015 Report

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service takes great pride striving to provide the highest quality of EMS and Rescue service for the four Valley communities.

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service (MRVAS) has been your local, volunteer ambulance service since 1970.

MRVAS provides 24-hour Emergency Medical Service to anyone in the Mad River Valley. We keep pace with the ever-evolving needs of the community and advances in medical care through ongoing training, high-quality equipment and technological upgrades. This year MRVAS responded to a record number of emergency calls, 440.

A highly dedicated group of 60+ volunteers, many with advanced certification, perform emergency response, advanced life support and timely transportation services.

MRVAS volunteers contribute an average of 60 hours per month with no financial compensation.

MRVAS operates with four departments and many members volunteer in multiple disciplines:

- EMTs undergo state-certified, ongoing training in classroom and clinic at basic or advanced levels. They attend to the medical needs of patients during transport to the hospital and operate under the control of the Central Vermont Medical Center Emergency Department. Every crew includes advanced-care EMTs who provide pharmacological, advanced airway and circulation interventions, while non-MRVAS Paramedics are available on-call.
- Drivers operate three type-II ambulances (two are four-wheel drive) and a type-I four-wheel-drive rescue vehicle. DHART helicopter service provides time-sensitive transport of critically injured patients.
- Dispatchers answer 'the call' and dispatch crew and vehicles. As the first contact for a patient, they ensure that the appropriate

MRVAS services get to the right place asap. They do this from their home or business with calm, efficient communication.

- Rescue includes EMTs, drivers, local firefighters and other volunteers. This team extracts patients from motor vehicle accidents or other complex situations requiring specialized equipment and techniques, including snowmobile, off-road and water rescues.

Mad River Valley Ambulance is always looking for new volunteers; please call 496-8888 or visit our web site at www.mrvas.org for more information. Also, we use the E-911 system and look for E-911 numbers when responding to every emergency location. Is your location marked so we could find you in an emergency? Please help and make sure your numbers are in place and clearly visible from both directions when approaching your driveway.

We wish to thank our Valley residents, second home owners and visitors who support our dedicated staff of volunteers. It is with your generous donations and subscriptions for service that allow us to function as a well-trained team of professionals. Unlike many services in our neighboring communities we continue to provide our services without receiving any municipal funding. It is our pleasure to serve you.

Please consider a donation or consider volunteering! We need your support.

If you have any question please contact our office at 496-8888 or visit our website listed above.

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