Andover Rescue Squad

By Ed Becker
Andover Rescue Squad

When I moved to Andover, Jim Lafiosca invited me to join the East Andover Fire Department with these words, "Your neighborhood and community are only as good as what you put into it." A few years later John Cotton invited me and several others to join the Andover Rescue Squad. With Jim's words still in my head, how could I say no? Twenty-two years later, those words are still with me and are still relevant as to why I am a member of Andover Rescue.

Last month I told you we have a problem with not enough volunteers available to provide reliable daytime coverage. In order to give you, the townspeople, a starting point to discuss how this problem should be handled, I ask that you think about and answer the following questions. Next month we'll give you the data and look forward to having questions and comments.

1. Have you or someone you know ever used Andover Rescue's services?
2. How would you rate the quality of Andover Rescue's services? Were you satisfied?
3. How many calls does Andover Rescue have each year?
4. How many of those calls are during the day, at night, or on weekends?
5. How many times does Andover Rescue have more than one call at the same time?
6. How many times does Andover Rescue provide mutual aid to neighboring communities?
7. What time period of the day has the most calls throughout the year?
8. From the time you call 911, how long does it take for Andover Rescue to be notified?
9. From the time Andover Rescue is notified, how long does it take for us to respond?
10. And then how long does it take to get to your house?
11. Adding the answers to questions 7, 8, and 9 together, how long should it take to get an ambulance to your door?
12. How many of Andover Rescue's calls are life threatening? Prevent further disability or illness from worsening? Provide comfort, safety, and reassurance to our patients?
13. Have you ever heard of the "Golden Hour" or "Time is Muscle"?
14. How important is a timely response from an ambulance?
15. Andover Rescue is a basic EMS provider. How many members are EMT basics? EMT intermediates? EMT paramedics?
16. How many hours of training has an EMT basic had? EMT intermediate? EMT paramedic?
17. How many hours of continuing education do they have to maintain each year?
18. How much does Andover Rescue pay their EMTs? How much should they be paid?
19. How much did the 2003 ambulance cost?
20. What is the value of the medical equipment and supplies that are carried on the ambulance?
21. What does it cost to run Andover Rescue each year?
22. How much is raised by donations? From direct support from Andover taxes?
23. How much does Andover Rescue bill each patient for each ambulance call?
24. What is the average cost per ambulance call in communities that do bill?
25. Would you like to become a member of Andover Rescue?

If you would like to join ARS, please call me at 735-5338 or leave a message at the Town Office at 735-5332 or contact any ARS member as listed in the Town Report.

School Board News

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover School Board

To receive public input regarding the Facility Study, the Andover School Board is holding a special public session at the December 6 School Board Meeting. To accommodate members of the public, the meeting will be held in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym and the session will begin at 7:30 PM. Feel free to arrive a few minutes early to be on time for the session.

The Facility Study is a direct response to one of the five goals in the AE/MS Long Range Plan. The goal states that "AE/MS will develop a facility and grounds plan with estimated costs and timeline." The Facility Study was voted on and approved at the District Meeting in March of 2005.

Dr. Mark Joyce and Mr. Dennis Pope of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association agreed to conduct the independent study. As part of the study, Dr. Joyce and Mr. Pope will be soliciting public input regarding the facility's strengths and weaknesses as well as a vision for the facility in the future.

On completion of the study, Dr. Joyce and Mr. Pope will present their findings and recommendations at a public meeting to be announced at a later date.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 129 calls for service from September 15 through October 15 and 141 calls for service from October 15 through November 15. The following is a partial breakdown of those calls.

Domestic disturbances on Sam Hill Road and Boston Hill Road • Fatal accident on Route 4 and Depot Street • 95 motor vehicle warnings and 19 summons • Missing person complaint on Flaghole Road • Gas thefts from Raccoon Hill Road and Jake's Market • Noise disturbance from Cilleyville Road • Dog bite complaint at Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club • OHRV complaints from Rivers Edge and Salisbury Highway • Burglaries on Plains Road and Severance Road • Aggravated assault complaint from Monticello Drive • Harassment complaint on Pinewood Lane • 911 investigations on Flaghole Road and Field House Lane • Assisted on rescue calls at Franklin Highway, Tilton Brook Road, Maple Street, and Overlook Drive • Family offenses on Franklin Highway and North Short Street • Criminal mischief complaint on Raccoon Hill Road • Dog complaints on Channel Road and Proctor Academy • Two pistol permits issued • Unsecured doors found on Chase Hill Road, Channel Road, and Main Street

Arrests

Jack Vincent, Northfield, age 47, operating after suspension, suspended registration, prohibitions, unsworn falsifications.

Jeremy Drew, Andover, age 20, operating after suspension.

A minor, Andover, age 16, acts prohibited, transporting alcohol, minor in possession.

Kris Boynton, Grafton, age 24, suspended plates, operating after suspension.

James Strahan, Andover, age 20, violation of terms of probation.

Joan Binis, Laconia, age 50, DUI, operating after suspension, open container, failing to file financial responsibility

Lenora Webber, Canaan, age 53, driving after revocation

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ANDOVER SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL SESSION
AE/MS Facility Study

December 6 at 7:30 PM
AE/MS Gym

The public is invited to offer input regarding AE/MS facilities' strengths and weaknesses and a vision for the future. Please join us.

For more info, call 735-5494

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and
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