

Andover Rescue Squad

By Amy Fecteau
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When calling 911 for yourself, a family member, or a friend, many things are running through your mind. When Andover Rescue Squad members respond to calls, many things are running through their minds as well.

They start thinking about how they will medically help the person they are responding to. There are specific actions that people can take to help Andover Rescue Squad members treat the patient.

- Make sure your house number is clearly visible in large numbers that contrast with the color of your

house. Make sure numbers are clearly visible from the street. Houses that can't be clearly seen from the street should have their numbers placed at the end of the driveway.

- During daylight, send someone outside to flag down the ambulance.
- At night, turn on an outside light.
- In winter keep a clear path to house.
- Secure all pets, especially dogs.
- Keep a current list of medications, allergies, medical history, and the name of the patient's doctor so it can be given to EMS personnel.
- Create an "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contact person. Select a friend, coworker, or relative that has current information about your medical history, allergies, medications, date of birth, and physician.

In case of severe illness or injury where you are not able to communicate with EMS, the information received from your ICE person is extremely valuable. Your ICE person's contact information can be stored in your cell phone directory under the heading ICE or left under the same heading in a date book (remember to include phone number) or on your refrigerator.

It is important to let your ICE person know they have the responsibility and that they have all the correct information.

By providing these few things, you are helping Andover Rescue provide the best possible care for the patient without delay.



Kendall Minard (l) and George French install bright red shutters on the Andover Fire Station, the finishing touches in the work on the exterior. Work continues on the interior of the new addition. Photo: Charlie Darling



TOWN of ANDOVER
TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
will be closed on
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
and **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**
and reopen on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AT 10 AM
PO Box 61 • Andover NH 03216 • 603 735-5332

East Andover Fire Dept.

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

Our annual chicken barbeque went off without a hitch. Thanks to you, it was the largest gathering to date. Approximately 350 people came through the line.

There was a point when we were all a little nervous that there wouldn't be enough food for everyone. Though almost everyone in the fire department participates in some way, the real boss and organizer is JoAnn Hicks. We, the muscle end of the group, owe JoAnn a round of thanks for her skill and dedication to our department.

Ever drive by an accident and slow down to see better what is going on? Likely we all have. It is human instinct to be curious.

Having spent most of my adult life on the Fire/EMT side of auto accidents, I can tell you that you are not missing anything. However, we *would* like you to miss us. Close calls with drivers going by auto accidents are very common and one of our greatest risks.

The fault is not all with the drivers. Rescuers often get tunnel vision and focus completely on the patient. The rescue people depend on fire fighters to provide for their safety. This is best accomplished by keeping the traffic and other hazards away from rescue people. In our incident command system, the responsibility of the EMT is patient care. The fire fighters have fire suppression and scene safety.

Your job is to keep a wary eye out for us. We tend to dig in and work fast. Help us to help you – pass auto accidents slowly and carefully.

Firefighters make lousy hood ornaments.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 144 calls for service between July 15 and August 15, including:

- 28 motor vehicle warnings and 3 summons
- Theft complaints on Depot Street and Lawrence Street
- Motor vehicle accidents on Old College Road, Maple Street, and two on Route 11
- Shoplifting at Foodstop on Main Street
- 911 complaint on Ives Road
- Dog complaints on Main Street, Plains Road, Currier Road, and Franklin Highway
- Harrassment complaint on Bay Road
- OHRV complaints on Elbow Pond Road and Boston Hill Road
- Suspicious person on Switch Road
- 33 dog license issues

Arrests

- Joshua Hathorn, 25, of Hartford, Vermont, for shoplifting
- Justin Parr, 26, of Andover on a warrant for assault
- Justin Keyser, 21, of Andover on a warraant from Concord Police
- Laurie Dunlop, 37, of Andover for operating after suspension, breach of bail, suspension of registration
- Mark Charles, 23, of Andover on an electronic bench warrant

Help Wanted

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE AT HOME?

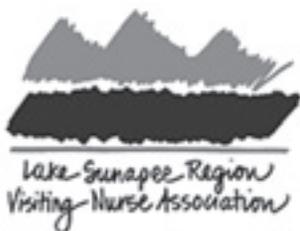
Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association seeks volunteers to

INSTALL HOME HEALTH TELEMONITORING UNITS

The ideal candidate has the ability to install a unit the size of a digital radio. Follow up will be provided by the agency.

- Training Provided
- Flexible Time
- Mileage Reimbursement

For more information, please contact:
Meg Ames, Volunteer Service Manager
526-4077, extension 233



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