



Dr. Emile Boselli, a founding member of the Andover Rescue Squad, rides in Andover's first ambulance, a 1956 Cadillac bought used from a town in New Jersey.

## Andover Rescue Squad

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For anyone who has called 911 for a medical emergency in the town of Andover, you know that dedicated volunteers respond night or day. These volunteers are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians and take great pride in the service they provide.

Do you know that next year the Andover Rescue Squad will be turning 42 years old! Eight men who met at the Bachelier Library for first aid training started the Andover Rescue Squad in 1966. The town's medical service until that time had been provided by Civil Defense.

Andover Rescue was founded under the premise that service would be free to Andover and anyone passing through who needed assistance. Three of the founding members were Dr. Emile Boselli, Carl Meier, and Ralph Chaffee. Dr. Boselli served as the first president of Andover Rescue, while Mr. Meier served as captain and Mr. Chaffee served as secretary/treasurer.

Through connections of Dr. Boselli, Andover Rescue acquired its first ambulance in its first year of operation. It was a used 1956 Cadillac from the town of Rivervale, New Jersey. It was red with white lettering.

During the first year of operation this new ambulance service answered 22 calls for help and operated on a budget of \$200 set aside in the town budget, with the rest coming from townspeople in the form of donations. While the '56 Cadillac has long since retired, and members have come and gone, Andover Rescue is still a presence in town.

In the next few weeks, our annual donation letter will arrive in the mail. Andover Rescue still depends upon donations from townspeople and Andover businesses (only insurance coverage is provided by the town) to sustain its long history of providing free quality medical assistance to Andover residents and for those who pass through.

We thank you for your continued support to such an important function of the Andover community.

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## East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre  
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

I think firefighters are a little picky when it comes to making sure that our tools and equipment are clean and in good shape. That may come from our training and the fact that we depend on our equipment to save lives. I also think that we take pride in getting the most out of the items provided to us by your tax dollar.

Take a look at the fire station the next time you are driving through the village. Diane Miller has done an outstanding job on our lawn. The flowering crab apple trees against the lush green lawn make you forget that you are looking at a fire station. The original intention of having a handsome New England-style building in a well maintained peaceful setting has been more than met.

Plans for our 25th barbecue are starting to take better shape. The trick has been to make the planning fit the budget. It has also been difficult to discuss the 25th year without walking down memory lane.

We have many pictures (boy, did we look young) from the past that we will put on display. You may see yourself with less gray, or more hair. If you have pictures from past barbecues, we would love to display them. Call one of us, and we will pick them up.

It is the start of the summer silly season. After being cooped up all winter we are ready to go outside and have some fun. This may be a good time to

have a look at your first aid supplies. I tend to go overboard and carry a complete first aid bag. You may need only a good supply of band-aids, disinfectant, and tape.

A good source of first aid supply ideas can be found at my old friend, Ready.gov. At home or on vacation, an injury that is beyond your comfort to handle may need our help. EAFD lives at 911. Remember, for us, the only bad call is the one that was never placed.

I had an event happen recently where the US flag was taken as a prank from a building that I am responsible for. Not giving the incident much thought at the time, I replaced the flag and went about my day. When the day had settled down I began to think that the flag pranksters were either very brave or very ... well, not thinking clearly. There are many folks out there who do not take too kindly to messing with our flag – at last count, over three hundred million strong.

In a funny way, this incident was good for me, as it made me think about our flag and all the wonderful things it stands for. It also made me think about the tremendous sacrifice made by those who paid dearly for the freedoms we enjoy. Because the price of freedom never seems to be completely paid, many fight today.

Firemen love to fly our flag at our stations, not only because it bonds us to other firemen, but because it also bonds us to all Americans.

## POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 219 calls for service during the period from April 15 thru May 15. The following is a partial breakdown of those calls:

- Accidents – 2
- Animal complaints – 16
- Motor vehicle summons – 10
- Motor vehicle warnings – 33
- House checks – 36
- Dog Bites – 1

- Suspicious vehicle/person – 5
- Thefts – 1
- Burglaries – 2
- Illegal dumping – 2
- Assault – 1
- 911 hang-ups – 3
- Assist to citizens – 16

### Arrests

- Emily Kerton, 22, Andover, arrested on electronic warrant
- Russell Blodgett, 48, Andover, electronic warrant
- Howard Wilson, 61, Andover, operating after suspension
- Michael Pelky, 43, Andover, operating after suspension

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