



* We Still Make House Calls *

2009 Vermont Ambulance Service of the Year
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To the Residents of Lyndon and Lyndonville:

The Crewmembers of Lyndon Rescue wish to once again thank our member towns for their continued support and the opportunity to serve.

Calls for service for 2016 were down significantly compared to 2015; 1519 in 2015 vs.1430 in 2016. This includes our contractual coverage areas of Brighton, Charleston, Morgan, Norton and The UTGs.

With that said, there were a couple of highlights in 2016 namely a new ambulance and paramedic licensure.

Lyndon Rescue took delivery of a new Dodge ProMaster ambulance outfitted by Malley Corporation of Canada. This unit is a Type II ambulance (van style) and, because it was a demo unit for our vendor - Cromwell Emergency Vehicles, is loaded with most all the bells and whistles available in an ambulance. As this was a demo unit, Lyndon Rescue saved a significant amount of money for, basically, a brand-new truck. Additionally, this purchase was partially funded by a grant from the USDA with the balance paid for by a low interest USDA loan. These units are the wave of the future; smaller, more economical to run, less costly to fix, and we are able to do the same treatments we currently do in a larger Type I ambulance.

2016 also saw Lyndon Rescue upgrade its service license to that of paramedic. This was a long time in coming and we are grateful for the support we have received during this process. Prior to this upgrade, if a paramedic was needed on a call, Lyndon Rescue had to rely on CALEX Ambulance or Newport Ambulance to provide this service. While this arrangement was workable, it was not optimal. Now with our own paramedics we typically can get a paramedic to the scene faster and more efficiently thus getting care the patient requires expeditiously. Additionally, we are able to do more interfacility transfers. We will still rely on our sister agencies for paramedic coverage when needed but this will be far less frequent.

We continued with our CPR, AED and First Aid training in 2016 and our Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians have continued to hold monthly child safety seat inspections on the first Sunday of each month and inspect seats by appointment as well. We continued our ambulance billing service and as well as our active role in Vermont Homeland Security with membership continuing on the State Homeland Security Improvement Planning and State Training and Exercise Plan committees.

On behalf of the crewmembers I thank you for the opportunity to report on *your* Lyndon Rescue.

Cordially,

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