

ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD

Arlington Rescue Squad would like to thank the residents of Shaftsbury for their continued support and funding through appropriations, private donations, and personal bequeaths.

During the past fiscal year, The Squad answered 396 calls. Seventeen of those calls were for Shaftsbury residents with additional mutual aid calls for accidents on Shaftsbury roads.

Town appropriations are critical to the financial integrity of all rescue squads. The Arlington Rescue Squad, before local appropriations, had a budget shortfall of \$76,168, for the previous three-year period. This shortfall is after the receipt of payments from patients and insurance companies. Funds are needed not only for current operating costs, but also for reserve monies for equipment and ambulance replacement.

In addition, the decline of volunteerism has made it necessary to increase paid staff hours with additional paid hours projected in the near future. This is our only option to insure that we maintain 24-hour coverage for this life saving service. Please note that we are required to maintain full staffing regardless of whether or not calls for service are received.

It is most important that you have your 911 numbers displayed prominently so that the squad can find your house in a timely manner. Number signs are available from the squad by calling 375-6589 from 6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday--Friday.

Respectfully submitted

Bert Savoia, Board of Directors Chair