

Arlington Rescue Squad

Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc. is a non-profit organization which provides 24/7 365 days-a-year emergency medical services to your town. We would like to sincerely thank the residents of Sandgate for their continued financial support through the generous Town appropriations. The financial support of the town helps the agency remain financially solvent in order to respond to emergencies with a dedicated team of both paid staff and volunteers. We are not seeking an increase in appropriations in 2023.

More than 50 years ago, a small group of residents dedicated their time, energy, and resources to start Arlington Rescue Squad. The agency now employs a small staff to provide daytime coverage, seven days a week, but we continue to rely on volunteers to provide nighttime coverage. We are the only agency in the county who still relies on this "hybrid" model of paid staff and volunteers; we are sincerely grateful to all of our highly trained and dedicated providers. Our staff and volunteers engage in continuing education and training in order to maintain a high level of proficiency at their individual license level.

As we emerge from the COVID 19 Pandemic, we have seen a significant increase in our call volume. While we usually respond to nearly 500 calls annually, in the fiscal year 2022, we responded to 853 calls. Of this total, 31 calls were in Sandgate. We respond to medical emergencies and automobile accidents in Sandgate, but we also assist the Arlington Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and brush fires. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the Arlington Fire Department for their continued support of Arlington Rescue Squad. They are there for us when we need extra help, whether it is driving an ambulance, assisting with a lift assist, or providing CPR support during a critical call. Thank you!

We were very happy to meet and get-to-know many in our community during several events including The Arlington Farmers' Market, The Fly Fishing Festival, Trunk-or-Treat at Arlington Memorial High School, and several sporting events. We look forward to these events and more in 2023.

As we look to the future, we will be exploring the costs associated with replacing one of our two ambulances; we will continue to have a presence in the community; we will offer training to those who would like to become involved; and we will continue to provide exceptional medical care to those in our community. It is also our goal to recruit volunteers who might be interested in becoming involved with the agency. There is nothing more satisfying than helping those in your own community. If you would like to learn more about Arlington Rescue Squad, please give us a call. Our non-emergency number is (802) 375-6589. We would love to hear from you!

Finally, please remember to post your house number clearly so we can find you in an emergency. We would like to thank you again for your continued support. We could not do the work we do without you.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlington Rescue Squad Board of Directors