

September 18, 2007

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For forty-three years, the Central Volunteer Rescue Squad has delivered emergency medical services to the Southern region of Brunswick County and also provided secondary vehicle rescue and primary technical rescue services to the rest of the county. CVRS's services to the residents of Brunswick County began in 1964, when the rescue squad opened its first headquarters in a garage on State Road 626. Unlike many other emergency services organizations, which can levy taxes to fund operations, Central Rescue must solicit donations from residents and businesses to keep providing emergency care to our community.

All services by CVRS are provided at no charge. One of the primary sources of EMS funding in Central Volunteer Rescue Squad is the fund drive letter. The fund drive letter is conducted entirely by mail. *If anyone calls or comes to your door claiming to be soliciting contributions for the Squad, please contact the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department at 434-848-3133 immediately.*

Frankly, costs for emergency medical supplies are rising faster than inflation. Also, in order to keep up with the advances in technology, your gift is needed now more than ever! We were blessed this year to be the recipients of several grants provided on the local and state level. Extensive criteria had to be met to be awarded these grants. Just this year, we were able to receive full-funding of a Type III ambulance through 3 grants at a cost of approximately \$124,000.

So why would you need the money you may ask? Our membership is entirely volunteer with the exception of 1 paid provider and a few part-time personnel but even with a career employee available Monday-Thursday 7-5, at least one volunteer must be available for a call to be run. Members do not receive money for their volunteer efforts and often extend considerable personal expense for training, personal equipment, and other miscellaneous expenses the Squad cannot provide. Service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. . Besides obviously providing emergency services for our community we also must purchase supplies and equipment, maintain equipment, vehicles and facility, recruit and train new members, participate in continuing education and obtain advanced certifications, write grants and plan fundraisers, prepare for calls by cleaning and re-stocking our response vehicles and ambulances, maintain compliance with state regulations and corporate law, plan for future service needs and the list goes on. This is why we need your support, both as donors and volunteers. Please consider what you can do to help us continue to be a volunteer rescue squad. 100% of the money raised by this fund drive is spent to provide emergency care for our community.

If you have donated to our other fund raising activities, you have already helped us and we thank you. This year we are faced with increasing demands for our services with a parallel increase in operating expenses. If you have never given before or even if you have contributed previously, now is the time to consider what a free rescue service means to you and your community, allowing us to continue to provide service to you. Of course, your donation continues to be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. The Central Lifesaving & Rescue Squad, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

Your financial support is a blessing and received with much gratitude.

Sincerely,

Members of Central Volunteer Rescue Squad