



# 2022



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## OCEAN PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD



VOLUNTEER EMS SQUADS  
**VB RESCUE**  
OCEAN PARK

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# ABOUT OPVRS

Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer emergency medical services agency located in Virginia Beach, VA. As one of ten volunteer rescue squads serving the city of Virginia Beach, OPVRS proudly represents the VBRescue system from its home on Shore Drive situated on the Chesapeake Bay in northern Virginia Beach.



**STATION 1 CIRCA 1960. THIS BUILDING SERVES AS THE CURRENT HOME OF OPVRS.**

OPVRS began as a fire department founded in 1942 at the request of the Ocean Park Civic League. The department was staffed by volunteers of the Ocean Park Men's Club, which later became known as the Ocean Park Volunteer Fire Department. In the 1950's, a used Army field ambulance was purchased and staffed by the Ocean Park Women's Club, allowing the department to provide fire and medical services to the community. The firehouse became the hub of community activity. Events such as scout meetings, dance classes, civic league meetings, women's club meetings, parties and fund raisers were held there. It was a place where parents did not have to worry about their junior firemen. The kids loved it and would spend weekends shining up the trucks and working beside the community's leaders helping people in crisis. It was where neighbors were caring about neighbors.

## OUR MISSION

The Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad is composed of volunteers who are dedicated, skilled and compassionate professionals whose mission is to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care while promoting a healthier community through patient care, patient advocacy, education, public service and community involvement.



Today, our volunteers carry on this proud tradition which started more than 80 years ago. The original fire station at 3769 E Stratford Road still serves as the home of OPVRS, now designated Rescue Station 1. Additionally, OPVRS staffs the City of Virginia Beach First Landing Fire and EMS station as a satellite to Rescue Station 1.



### **FIRST LANDING FIRE AND EMS STATION - A SATELLITE OF OPVRS**

Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad's "first due" area stretches along the Shore Drive corridor from First Court Road to the North End and encompasses First Landing State Park, eight miles of coastline and more than ten square miles of the city of Virginia Beach. However, OPVRS personnel and ambulances respond to emergencies across the city of Virginia Beach as part of the VBRescue system.



### **OPVRS'S PRIMARY COVERAGE AREA SHOWING ITS TWO STATIONS**

Emergency responses are provided by Virginia certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Advanced EMTs, EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics staffing a fleet of four ambulances, one utility truck, one medical ATV and one support van.



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



**3** New Ambulances Purchased, Dedicated, and Placed In Service



**7** New Emergency Medical Technicians



**3,871** Emergency Responses

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# LEADERSHIP TEAM

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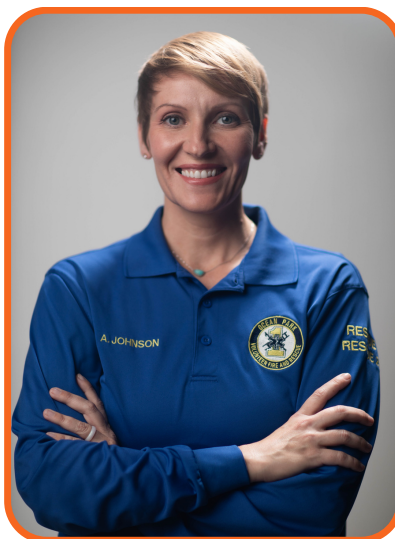
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THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER IS THE  
CHANCE TO WORK HARD AT  
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-THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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# OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

2022 proved to be a busy year for Ocean Park volunteers, with a significant increase in calls for service from previous years.



**3,871** Emergency Responses by  
OPVRS Ambulances

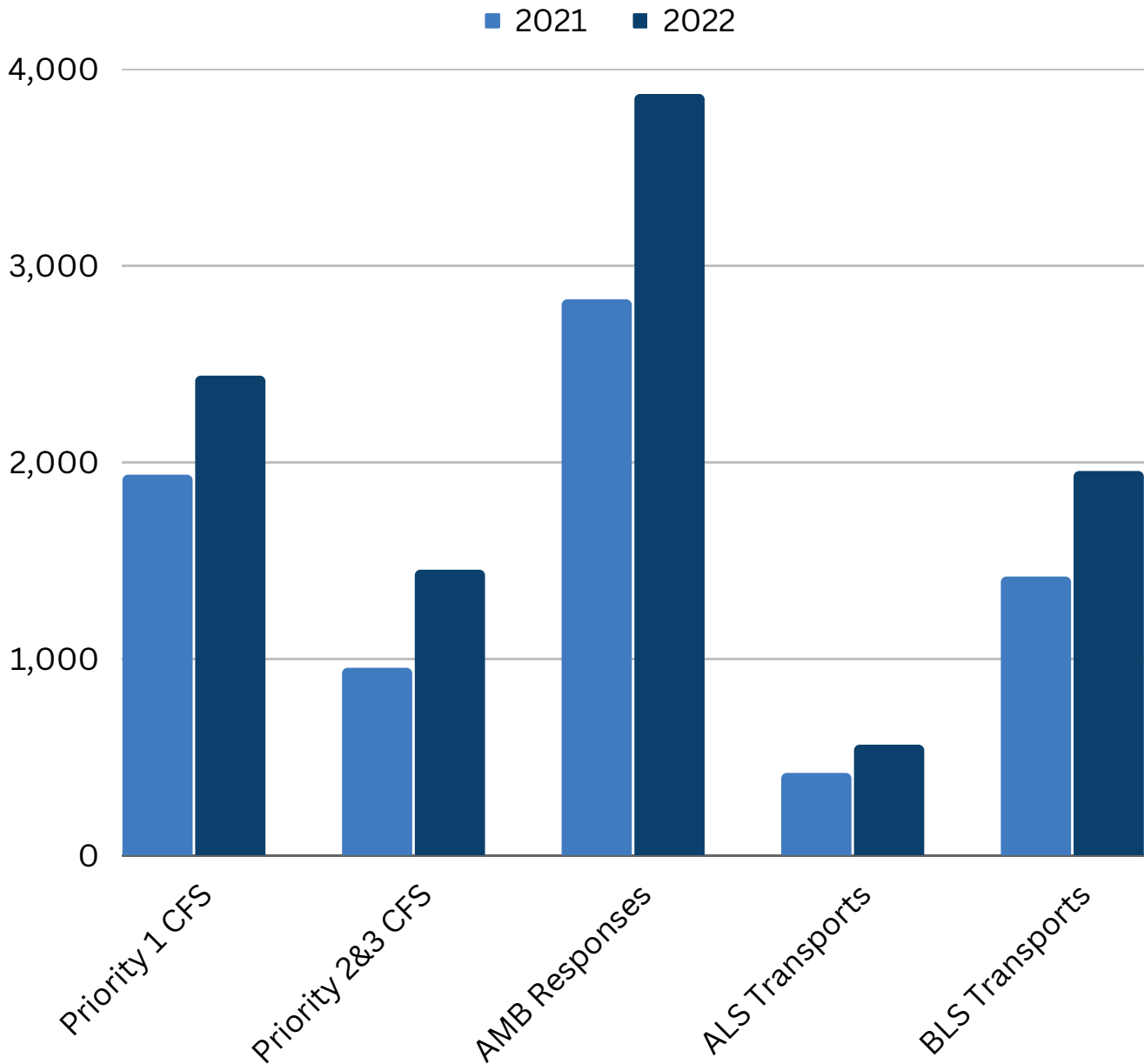
OPVRS 2022 OPERATIONAL DATA													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Priority 1 CFS	140	91	152	159	121	88	206	279	289	332	312	269	2438
Priority 2&3 CFS	73	58	101	78	72	44	161	186	196	166	175	141	1451
AMB Responses	206	146	250	239	191	127	359	459	492	495	494	413	3871
ALS Transports	20	24	37	32	24	24	46	65	73	78	73	65	561
BLS Transports	119	74	131	113	102	63	176	221	241	252	251	210	1953

## DESCRIPTION OF TERMS

- **Calls for service (CFS):** a singular event or request for emergency service that generates an EMS incident number regardless of the incident type, where an EMS unit is dispatched or is self-initiated by the first responder.
- **Responses:** an individual EMS unit responds to a dispatched call for service. Depending on the incident type, the 911 dispatcher may dispatch one or more EMS units. Each unit dispatched and who responded to the call for service is considered a response. In many cases, there are multiple EMS units dispatched to a single call for service.
- **Priority 1:** life-threatening or potentially life-threatening emergencies based on the patient's complaint or mechanism of injury.
- **Priority 2:** emergency cases not deemed to be life-threatening or potentially life-threatening based on the patient's complaint or mechanism of injury as defined by the Operational Medical Director.
- **Priority 3:** non-emergency requests for assistance.
- **Advance Life Support (ALS) Transport:** transport with ALS providers on board conducting advanced interventions.
- **Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport:** transport not requiring pre-hospital advanced life support providers or interventions.

## 2021-2022 COMPARISON

- OPVRS saw an increase in every category of operational statistics from 2021.
  - **26% increase** in Priority 1 Calls for Service
  - **52% increase** in Priority 2 & 3 Calls for Service
  - **37% increase** in Ambulance Responses
  - **34% increase** in ALS Transports
  - **38% increase** in BLS Transports



**37%**

**Increase in Ambulance Responses  
for OPVRS since 2021**



# FINANCIAL REPORT

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, OPVRS relies heavily on grants and donations to meet its budgetary needs. Fundraising efforts include Spring and Fall fund drives, continuous grant applications, and various targeted fundraising events throughout the year.



**\$260,530**

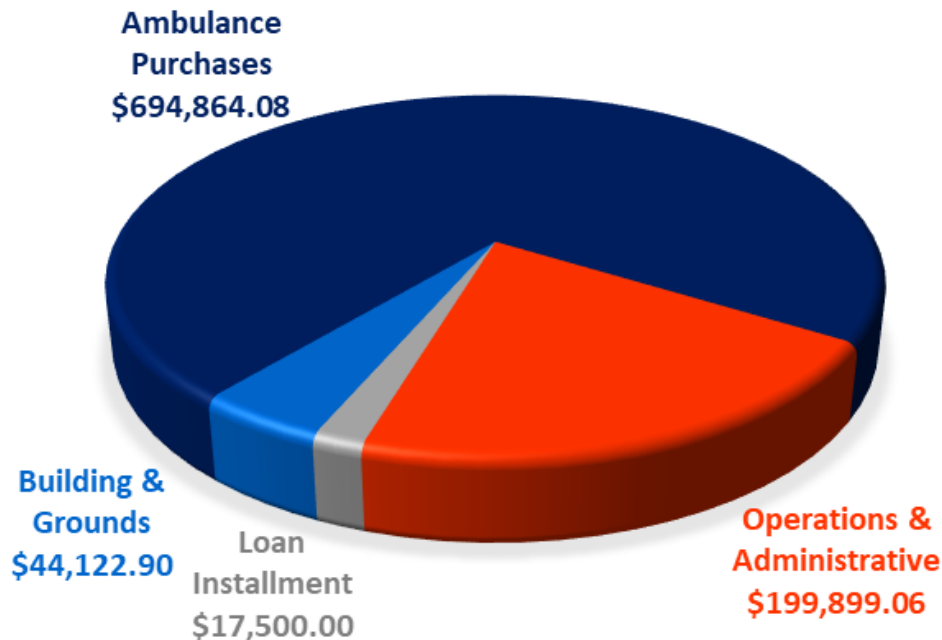
**Total Donations  
Received in 2022**



**\$111,986**

**Total Grants  
Received in 2022**

## 2022 EXPENSES



2022 was a significant year for OPVRS as we replaced three ambulances while simultaneously maintaining our squad owned building, forcing us to dip into our cash reserves. In addition to increased operational expenses, OPVRS will soon replace a fourth ambulance while continuing to maintain and modernize our facilities. The continued financial support of our friends and neighbors is critical to our ability to continue providing quality emergency care.

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# MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING

OPVRS boasts a diverse membership of over 50 volunteer EMS providers and support team members. Recruiting efforts include visits to the EMT Academy to speak with prospective EMTs, booths and displays at the Shore Drive Farmers Market, and participation in VBRescue recruiting and advertising.



 **57** Total Members of OPVRS



**25**

Administrative Support Members



**32**

Operational EMS Providers

**2.54** Median Length of Membership (Years)

## NEW MEMBERS

- Oliver Siska - EMT
- Olivia Winfield - EMT
- Katie Shawver - EMT
- Roxanne Puca - EMT
- Brian Brousseau - EMT
- Michelle Blackshaw - EMT
- Raqheal Payne - EMT

## MILESTONES

- Nicholas Douglas - 5 Years
- Mckenzie Griffo - 5 Years
- Thomas Reading - 10 Years
- Steven Long - 20 Years
- John Carey - 30 Years

Pictured above - Chief Aaron Stauffenberg and EMT Raqheal Payne at the EMT Academy Graduation. Seven new EMTs joined OPVRS in 2022.

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS

From our beginnings as the Men's and Women's Clubs of Ocean Park, OPVRS has remained a pillar in the community. We carry on this proud tradition by sharing our home with local organizations and supporting community events.



**22** Community Organization Events and Meetings Held at Rescue Station 1



(Left) Local bluegrass musicians provide entertainment during an OPVRS community cookout. Cookouts provide an opportunity for OPVRS members and citizens to interact in a social setting.



**10** Cookouts Hosted



People relax in the bay after experiencing the Halloween Maze.



**8** Outreach Events Conducted



EMT Greg Postlewait instructs members of the Junior Rescue Squad which regularly meets at Rescue Station 1.



# 2022

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to the immense amounts of time and energy contributed to day-to-day operations, numerous projects and improvements were completed during a fruitful year for OPVRS.

## UTILITY 1 IMPLEMENTATION

While OPVRS has owned Utility 1 since 2019, the unit has seen limited service. This year, OPVRS made a significant investment to better integrate this apparatus into the Emergency Response System.

- The first major upgrade was the addition of a Mobile Data Terminal, or “MDT,” which provides the crew with real-time information on active calls for service. Before the addition of the MDT, crews would have to rely on radio dispatches to gather information and respond to calls. Additionally, the MDT enables dispatchers to track Utility 1's location and dispatch it to Cardiac Arrests in the area as a first response unit to deliver high quality CPR and an AED to the scene of the emergency.
- Secondly, updates were made to the equipment on Utility 1 to make it a true “All Hazards” response vehicle. In addition to the medical supplies carried on board, incident command kits, traffic direction equipment, and support supplies were added to make the vehicle more versatile and better prepared to respond to unique and challenging emergencies.



## AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT

Three new Ford F-550 Advanced Life Support Ambulances were delivered in 2022 from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, a Wheeled Coach Dealership. These three units were purchased for a price of \$231,621.36 each totaling a \$694,000 total investment into OPVRS' fleet in 2022. The new units replaced the majority of OPVRS' fleet which consisted of one 2008 International Durastar Horton Ambulance and two 2008 International Durastar Wheeled Coach Ambulances. Delivery of these units was impeded by record-long lead times in receiving new equipment from the factory and record price increases. A fourth Ford F-550 Advanced Life Support ambulance was placed on order this summer with an estimated 30 month lead time. This unit will replace ambulance 123 upon its delivery.



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## DONOR STEWARDSHIP

This year, OPVRS leadership successfully completed an agreement with “Network for Good,” a state-of-the-art Donor Management tool to better serve our generous donors. This program integrates innovative communication technologies, effective fundraising capabilities, and organized donor data into our organization to better serve the community. Thanks to the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation, OPVRS is one step closer to becoming the best possible stewards of the donations we're given.



## VAN 1 REPLACEMENT GRANT

Van 1 has proven itself to be a unique asset in the VBRESCUE response vehicle fleet. As the only asset of its kind, VAN 1 can carry 15 passengers during mass casualty incidents and for educational, duty, and recreational events. With its age and current mileage, the van is meeting the end of its service life. OPVRS applied for a grant through the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation to replace this fleet asset and was awarded a total of \$29,000. OPVRS is currently soliciting vendors for the vehicle.





## BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

OPVRS proudly serves from the original member-built station at 3769 E Stratford Rd. In order to keep this building operational, comfortable, and modern, significant effort is poured into renovations and improvements.



New VBRescue-Ocean Park signage was installed on the side of Rescue Station 1 to better identify and showcase the home of OPVRS on Shore Drive.



Aging pavement was replaced by new asphalt across the property with the addition of four parking spaces.



Upgrades were made to the station network to improve information and technology services.



The meeting and social hall received fresh paint, floor refurbishment, and additional furniture to better serve both the Rescue Squad and the community organizations that meet here.

# 2023 AND BEYOND

The future of OPVRS has never been brighter, and we aim to continue the momentum built in 2022 through the coming year and beyond. Our vision includes the goals below.

## 2023 GOALS

- Continue providing the highest quality of emergency medical care to the community we serve
- Increase operational staffing and strengthen membership through aggressive recruiting and retention
- Build financial security and sustainability through fundraising, investing, and grants
- Modernize Rescue Station 1 through structural and cosmetic improvements
- Establish OPVRS as a regional training source by offering unique and plentiful in-house continuing education

## MAJOR INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### AMBULANCE 123 REPLACEMENT

Due to rising apparatus prices and long lead times, the replacement for A123 has been ordered at the current vehicle's midlife. The new vehicle is not expected to be delivered and in service until 2025.

### VAN 1 REPLACEMENT

After 20 years of service, VAN 1 is set to be replaced in the coming year. VAN 1 is a unique capability that OPVRS brings to the VBRescue system for multi-patient transport during mass casualty incidents.

### RESCUE STATION 1 RENOVATIONS

Hand built by the founding members, Rescue Station 1 is rich in history and character but requires significant repairs and modernization. Living space renovations, hazard mitigation and cosmetic improvements are ongoing.

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# A YEAR IN PHOTOS



Ambulance 123 is checked off by the night crew as the sun sets on Virginia Beach.



Deputy Chief Alex White tries to stay dry while responding to an emergency in the rain.



EMT Kimberly Johnson arrives to an emergency scene to provide patient care.





Deputy Chief Alex White and President Branan Roughgarden complete the pre-delivery inspection of Ambulance 121 at the manufacturer in Orlando, FL.



Ambulances 120 and 122 loaded for delivery from the factory to Virginia.



OPVRS members conduct the traditional push of Ambulance 120 into the bay for the first time during its dedication ceremony.





Ambulances 120, 121, and 122 deliver patients to Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital.



Chief Aaron Stauffenberg, EMT Jeff Kempe, and EMT Amanda Tackett display donated pastries before hosting a community cookout.





Ambulance 122 on station at the Sentara Field Hospital during the 2022 Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show.



Paramedic Dennis Popiela delivers remarks at the Annual Banquet to announce his retirement after more than 13 years of service.

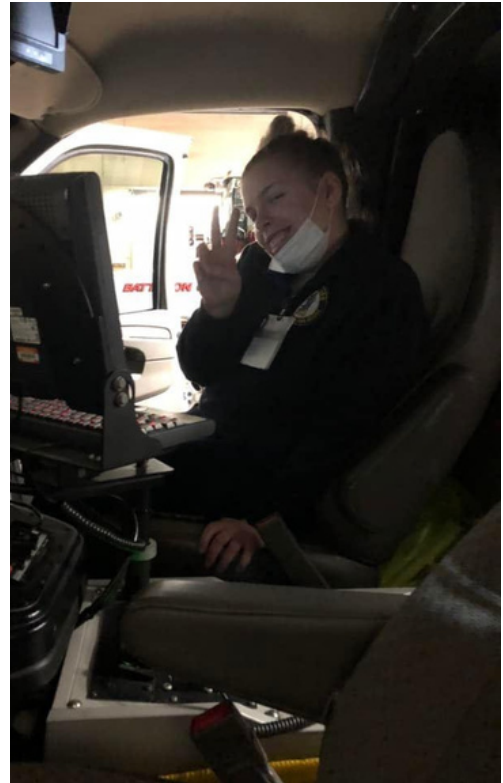


EMT Darden Purrington conducts station chores in between calls for service.





EMT James Pitts works alongside VBFD Firefighters to prepare ATV01 to receive an injured patient on the beach.



EMT Alyssa Jamison signs in at the start of her shift.



Lieutenant Dylan Koch prepares lunch while waiting for the next call.



Utility 1 leads the holiday parade.



EMTs Arlene Johnson and Alyssa Jamison ensure their ambulance is fully stocked prior to their shift.





EMT Jeff Kempe and Intern Drew Rich stop to enjoy the view after providing medical care on the beach during Memorial Day weekend.



EMT Kat Heflin staffs an off-road ambulance during the Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show.



EMT Olivia Winfield teaches the next generation of EMTs how to take a blood pressure during a Junior Rescue Squad event hosted at Rescue Station 1.



EMTs Todd Tokarczyk and Rafael Duyos anxiously await dinner while Lieutenant Secily Thompson stops for a dance break.



EMTs Alyssa Jamison and Jamie Alexander set up a recruiting and fundraising booth at the Shore Drive Farmers' Market. Outreach events like this are one of the many ways OPVRS increases community awareness, solicits donations, and attracts new members to the organization.



OPVRS Officers Lt. Secily Thompson, Chief Aaron Stauffenberg, Lt. Dylan Koch, and Lt. Lorin Miller were chosen for the first Advanced EMT Academy offered by the City of Virginia Beach Department of EMS.

OPVRS members, families, and community members wave as Ambulance 120 departs on its first emergency response following its dedication ceremony.





Life Member Don Anderson lets his skeletons out of the closet while setting up for the Halloween Haunted House at Rescue Station 1.



Ambulance 122 arrives at the scene of an emergency and its crew prepares to provide patient care.

## JOIN OUR TEAM!



### OPERATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Operational members respond to emergencies to provide patient care as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Advanced EMTs, EMT-Intermediates or Paramedics. No previous experience is necessary and we will train you for free!



### ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERSHIP

Administrative or support team members serve behind the scenes to keep our operations going smoothly by relocating vehicles, helping with station upkeep and administration, and assisting with outreach, recruiting, and fundraising events.

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