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December 18, 2019

Town of Bristol
Selectboard
1 South Street
Bristol, VT 05443

To Whom In May Concern:

In 2020 Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. (BRS) celebrates our 50th year of operation, providing emergency medical services and transport for the Five Town region.

We provide 24/7/365 coverage, responding to over 750 calls per year within our service area and through requests for mutual aid.

We rely on the support of our subscribers, billing, and the Towns we serve, for the funding that allows us to provide our services.

In 2019, to meet an ever-increasing volume of calls and to maintain our service level, BRS hired paid per diem staff to supplement our volunteer members. We continue to build our volunteer member base, with eight new members enrolled in the current EMT class. BRS pays for each class enrollment, typically between \$500 to \$650 per individual, depending on the class level.

We are also actively recruiting volunteers from local College EMS organizations, and over the past year have had members join us from UVM Rescue, St. Michaels Rescue, and Middlebury College First Response. This influx of younger members has brought new life into BRS and we continue to look for new opportunities to serve.

Over the past year BRS members, and equipment, have been involved at multiple school-based events, including the Mock-Crash at Mt Abraham Union High School and public safety days. BRS members are also taking active roles in local planning for active shooter/mass casualty events.

Although our cost of operations has increased with the move to combined volunteer/paid staffing for the coming fiscal year we are keeping our funding requests level with last year's request.

For the Town of Bristol, we are requesting funds in the amount of \$13,500 to appear in the 2020 Town Report.

If you have any questions regarding this request, or the services provided by Bristol Rescue, please feel free to call or email. I am also be available to attend a Selectboard meeting if you feel that would be beneficial.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We look forward to serving the Five Town region for the next 50 years.

Regards,

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