

## Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response

<b>2010 Activity Report</b>	<b>Volunteer Hours</b>
Total emergency or assistance calls: 33	
Medical calls: 21	112.75
Fire calls: 12 (including 7 MVAA)	113
Medical training	500.75
Fire training	523.5
Meetings	175
Community Service Events:	199
<b>Total hours</b> (administrative activities such as paperwork, purchasing, not included)	<b>1,624</b>

**ROSTER:** 15 total. F = firefighter, FR = first responder, EMT= emergency medical technician

**Officers:** Erik Eriksen (F), Chief; Roland McGlashan (F), Assistant Chief; Ross Elliott (F), Ed Sullivan (EMT & F), Ceredwyn Alexander (EMT), Eric Warren (F), Captains.

**Members:** Jay Harrington (F&FR), Marty Kulczyk (F), Kevin Mulholland (MD), Robert Wagner (F), Alison Joseph (Dept. Assistant), Dorothy Gelinas and William Cole (Dispatch), Gwynneth Alexander (cadet), Justin Allen (F/Salisbury)

**REPORT:** The department purchased a new (1998) rescue rig from the Brandon Rescue Squad for \$5,000 with funds from the Vehicle Replacement Fund. We would like to thank MOUNTAIN SIGNS for their excellent and quick work lettering the vehicle with the RVFD logo. We do not take their expertise and talent for granted. Thank you!

We sponsored Gwynneth Alexander's attendance at the week-long VSFA fire cadet academy last summer. She had a fine time and learned a lot about emergency services. This program is for 14-17 year olds and is highly recommended for any teens remotely interested in the fire and emergency services. An application and information are available at [www.vtfirefighters.org](http://www.vtfirefighters.org).

One of our EMTs, Ceredwyn Alexander, was part of a humanitarian aid trip to Haiti in August, and reports on the trip below.

I went with Vermont Medical Response Team ([vmt.org](http://vmt.org)) as part of the seventeenth team sent from Vermont since the earthquake in January 2010. The team was composed of two EMTs, two nurses, one medical resident, and a photographer. While there, the team worked in a field hospital run by J/P HRO ([j/phro.org](http://j/phro.org)) in Petionville, just outside Port Au Prince. The hospital served a tent city of about 55,000 people.

In the two weeks I was there, the twelve bed hospital, with a staff of about twenty-five (including the Vermont team) served 2,500 patients. Among those patients, we delivered fifteen babies; for five of those births, I was the primary attendant.

Besides providing care, our team provided education, firstly for Haitian student nurses, medical students and allied health professionals. Secondly, we provided health education for individuals, especially women.

The Ripton Fire Department donated 3 stethoscopes, disposable paper supplies, and blood pressure cuffs to the J/P HRO Hospital.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** We pay for medical training, we pay for fire training; all we ask is for your commitment to the department and community.

**Erik Eriksen, Chief**

## Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response (continued)

2010 Vehicle & Major Equipment Inventory	
Pumper. 1986. KME/International	Ladders. 1 roof, 2-24', 1-8', 1-attic
Tanker. 2005. Freightliner	Chainsaw. Jonsered
Mini-pumper. 1976. Dodge	Fan, positive pressure. SuperVac
First-Response ambulance. 1998. Ford	Fan, ventilation. GE
Pump, portable. Hale HPX400	Thermal Imaging Camera. Cairns Viper
Pump, portable. Hale HP300	Multi-gas Detector & calibration kit. Orion
Portable pond. 1,000 gallon	Air pump. Porter Cable
Portable pond. 2,000 gallon	Defibrillator. Medtronic Lifepak 500 (2)
Generator & light, portable. Honda	Defibrillator. Medtronic Lifepak 1000 (2)
Generator, station. Honda	Defibrillator. Laerdal Heartstart
Generator, portable. Generac	

Assets December 31, 2010	
Vehicle Replacement Fund	24,507.76
Checking	562.26
Savings	6,079.85
	<b>Total Assets: \$31,149.87</b>

**RVFD Expenditures 2010 & Proposed Budget 2011:** The department stayed within its budget, though costs for some items increased. Training costs were higher than expected because of a general change from local to regional classes. The furnishing and equipment line was under spent in 2010, but is increased for 2011 for construction of gear racks.

RVFD Expenditures 2010 & Proposed Budget 2011				
EXPENSES	Budget 2010	Actual 2010	Variance	Budget 2011
Community Service	150.00	201.92	51.92	200.00
Gear/Tools/Equipment	5,700.00	6,153.16	453.16	6,000.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance/Fuel	2,000.00	1,790.84	(209.16)	2,000.00
Administration/Insurance/Dues	6,000.00	5,215.19	(784.81)	6,000.00
Training	700.00	1,586.07	886.07	1,800.00
Dispatch/phone/computer	2,400.00	1,809.05	(590.95)	2,400.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
Heat	3,000.00	2,489.83	(510.17)	3,200.00
Furnishing & Equipment	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	2,000.00
Maintenance & Supplies	500.00	251.00	(249.00)	500.00
Mowing - moved to maintenance for 2011	300.00	274.48	(25.52)	0.00
Hydrant plowing	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Security system	2,700.00	2,500.00	(200.00)	0.00
Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,621.54</b>	<b>(\$1,378.46)</b>	<b>\$31,450.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Carryover from previous year	7,638.43	7,638.43	0.00	6.62
Donations	350.00	345.00	(5.00)	338.00
Interest	11.57	9.95	(1.62)	5.38
Subtotal	\$8,000.00	\$7,993.38	(6.62)	\$350.00
Town Payment	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	31,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,993.38</b>	<b>(\$6.62)</b>	<b>\$31,450.00</b>