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Dear President Bush:

In 1980, we were honored to host your "kick off" campaign for the Vice Presidency.

The pleasure of your company and Mrs. Bush is again requested and this time for a cocktail reception, at a date of your choice.

This reception is being held to celebrate our Golden Anniversary, signifying our contribution to community welfare, as it relates to the fire and rescue services.

Stressing your theme of a "1000 points of light," we feel that this Organization, staffed mainly with volunteers, has epitomized that statement. Volunteerism is, of course, something that you have espoused vigorously for quite sometime.

Should you decide to accept this invitation, you will be joined with other local, state and federal officials who have also been invited to celebrate this occasion with us.

For your convenience, we have attached, as requested, a list of calendar dates for this event.

We hope that you and Mrs. Bush will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

David S. Dwyer
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Chief

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cc: Honorable Constance A. Morella
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Fifty Years of Community Service

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BUT BY THE LATE 1960'S, THE WAR IN VIETNAM WAS TAKING SO MANY YOUNG MEN OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT IT BECAME NECESSARY FOR THE SQUAD TO HIRE A FEW PAID RESCUE WORKERS TO ENSURE OUR DAYTIME AVAILABILITY. THE CONTINUED USE OF SOME PAID PERSONNEL IS NECESSITATED BY THE STEADILY GROWING NUMBER OF DAYTIME CALLS WE RESPOND TO AND BY THE NEED TO MAN ONE AMBULANCE AROUND THE CLOCK AT THE BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION ON DEMONCRACY BOULEVARD TO SERVE THE EVER-GROWING MONTGOMERY MALL AREA.

BY 1970, THE SQUAD HAD OUTGROWN ITS HEADQUARTERS. AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING AND BUDGETING, GROUND WAS BROKEN IN MAY, 1975, FOR THE SQUAD'S FOURTH AND HOPEFULLY FINAL HOME AT THE CORNER OF OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD AND BATTERY LANE. THE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED AND DEDICATED IN AUGUST, 1976.

THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD WAS AMONG THE FIRST IN AMERICA TO REQUIRE ADVANCED FIRST AID AND RESCUE TRAINING FOR ITS MEMBERS. THE SQUAD, ALWAYS A LEADER IN TECHNIQUE AND SERVICE, ALSO WAS AMONG THE FIRST IN THE NATION TO INCLUDE WOMEN AND MINORITIES (1975) IN ITS RANKS.

THE SQUAD NOW SERVES A POPULATION THE SIZE OF A SMALL CITY WITH SEVEN MODERN AMBULANCES, TWO HEAVY-DUTY RESCUE SQUAD TRUCKS, A COMPRESSED AIR TRUCK, THREE UTILITY VEHICLES, A CANTEEN TRUCK, AND A CHIEF'S CAR.

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HISTORY OF THE

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

50TH YEAR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

1938 - 1942

1945 - 1990

LIKE MOST EVERY ORGANIZATION, WE STARTED ON A SHOESTRING.

IN 1938, A SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG VOLUNTEERS, HEADED BY THE LATE DONALD DUNNINGTON, A BETHESDA BUSINESSMAN, STARTED THE CHEVY CHASE FIRST AID CORP^s, FORERUNNER OF THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

WORLD WAR II PUT A TEMPORARY STOP TO THE FIRST AID CORPS IN 1942. THE YOUNG MEN WHO TOOK TURNS SERVING ON THE ONE TEN-YEAR-OLD NASH AMBULANCE TRADED THEIR FIRST AID UNIFORMS FOR MILITARY UNIFORMS AND WENT OFF TO WAR. THREE YEARS LATER, MOST OF THEM CAME BACK HOME.

THE YEAR WAS 1945, AND THE BIG PRE-WAR BOOM WAS JUST STARTING. FORESEEING THE NEED FOR AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE IN A RAPIDLY GROWING COMMUNITY, A SMALL GROUP OF LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND RESIDENTS, MANY OF THEM MILITARY VETERANS,^{RE} ORGANIZED THIS RESCUE SQUAD.

STARTING WITH A LOT OF GUTS AND ONE USED AMBULANCE, THE SQUAD BEGAN TO WORK AND GROW WITH THE COMMUNITY. OUR "HEADQUARTERS" WAS WHEREVER SOMEONE WOULD ALLOW US TO USE A VACANT GARAGE. OUR EQUIPMENT WAS OBTAINED ON A "HAND-ME-DOWN" BASIS.

BUT IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE "MEN IN THE WHITE HATS" CAPTURED THE ADMIRATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY. BY THE EARLY 1950'S, THE SQUAD HAD EXPANDED ITS SERVICES TO ALL PARTS OF NEARBY MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN 1956, WHEN THE SQUAD MOVED FROM A SMALL RENTED GARAGE ON FAIRMONT AVENUE, THE ORGANIZATION HAD GROWN SO POPULAR THAT THERE WAS A WAITING LIST FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP.

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their bags with the valuables, carry them to safety, and then assist in the fire fighting. After the fire, a member would stand guard against pilfering and admit only recognized members and firefighters for salvage work. The fire societies proved valuable, and within a few years, Boston had several neighborhood clubs that held regular meetings and had rules that fixed fines for non-attendance at fires or meetings.



Figure 2.8 In 1736, Ben Franklin organized the first fire department in Philadelphia, the Union Volunteer Fire Company.

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, but moved to Philadelphia, where he became a leader in early American fire protection. Returning from a trip to Boston, he wrote an article on Feb. 2, 1735, about fire protection in his newspaper, *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, in which he mentioned the Mutual Fire Society of Boston and how this organization was helping fight fires. The following year Franklin and several of his friends organized the first fire organization in Philadelphia, the Union Volunteer Fire Company, patterning it after the Boston Mutual Fire Society (Figure 2.8). In 1752, Franklin and two other businessmen founded the first successful American fire insurance company, the Philadelphia Contributionship of the Assurance of Houses from Loss by Fire. The company's fire mark was called the "hand in hand" because it showed the right hands of four men gripping one another's wrists. Beneath this symbol of unity and strength appeared the number of the insurance policy.

The use of the American fire mark differed from England because American insurance societies did not provide fire fighting brigades. The towns had no permanent firefighters and the American volunteer received no pay. When the alarm sounded, they dropped their work and responded to their firehouse. In towns where fire marks were used, the insuring company would pay the first company to put water on the fire. Other towns would reward their first-in firefighters with a sum paid out of the town treasury. This incentive is blamed for the competition and fierce rivalry that developed among the volunteers.

After the Revolutionary War, the volunteer firefighter idea spread throughout the country. Veterans returned home and joined a fire company, many of which became veterans' organizations with the engine house as their clubroom. The reward for the first-arriving company changed from pay to pride. Companies became better organized, the men and their equipment were more splendidly decorated, and as a result, rivalries increased. Feelings of exhilaration and self-satisfaction over serving one's community and doing a worthwhile job well became theirs. With all the color and excitement of a volunteer firefighter's life, every company had a long list of young hopefuls waiting for an opening in the limited membership. In the past, many famous Americans such as George Washington, John Hancock, Alexander Hamil-

Benjamin Franklin
Union Volunteer Fire Company
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ton, Samuel Adams, and Paul Revere have served as volunteers, and now the age of the American volunteer firefighter began.

America was growing and many changes were taking place in the volunteer fire service. Cities improved building regulations and water systems. Yankee ingenuity was producing bigger and better fire engines to replace the worn-out Newsham engines. Firefighters, cobblers, harness makers, and other enterprising businessmen started making leather hose, firebelle signals, fire fighting tools, and uniforms. Because of the urgent need for more and better protection in the growing cities, nearly all the new equipment and new methods of fire fighting were introduced in Boston, Philadelphia, and New York; and were subsequently adopted by the alert smaller towns. The large cities had developed some sort of water system using bored-out crude logs that were tapered and fitted together. Every half block or so a wooden plug was inserted into this water system, and this plug was removed to obtain water. From this came the term "fire plug." It was Philadelphia that put into service the first successful water system, and it was its volunteers who developed a new piece of apparatus, the hose wagon, to take advantage of this new system (Figure 2.9). Hose No. 1, with a limited membership of 20 members,

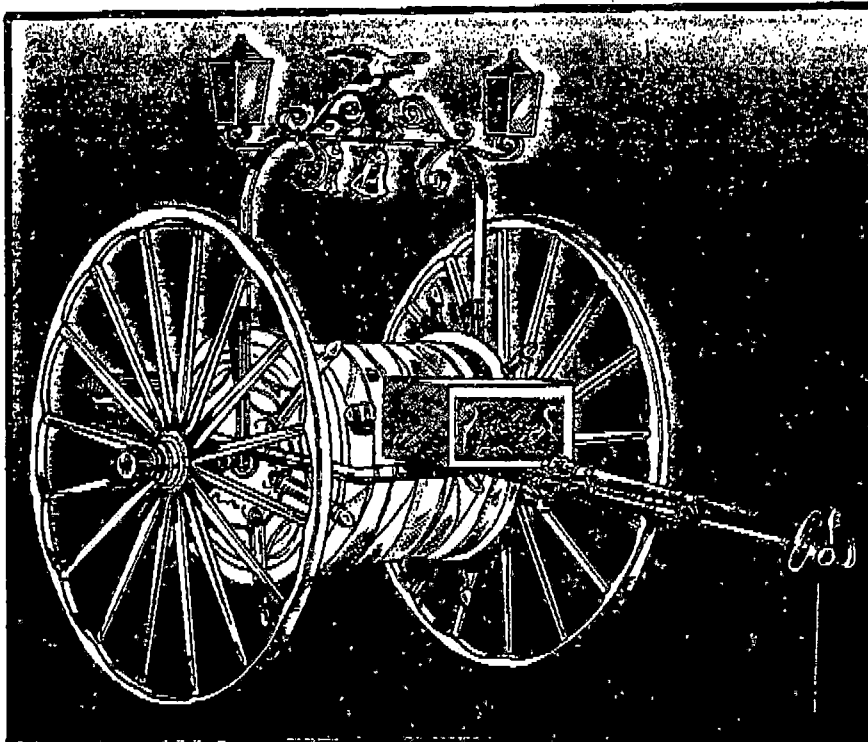


Figure 2.9 When water systems began, hose wagons were developed to make maximum use of the systems.

became the first hose company in America. The volunteers designed their hose wagon and paid to have it built, purchasing all the equipment, which included 600 feet (180 m) of hose, nozzles, axes, and candle-burning lanterns. They also erected a building to house their apparatus. They had an understanding with Engine 1

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BETHESDA RESCUE SQUAD
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1990

Members of the Bethesda Volunteer Rescue Squad, ladies and gentlemen, friends. It is a privilege to be -- please forgive me -- in such extinguished company. // I'm delighted to address your group.

One reason is that if my speech is a disaster, relief is close at hand. // Then, too, we meet in a special week -- Volunteer Week -- which celebrates the character of the American people. //

Volunteer Week salutes what I call this Nation's points of light -- that vast galaxy of individuals, businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, and voluntary associations working together to solve problems. Your Rescue Squad is a point of light. It is also a source of life. //

Many people don't realize that fully 85 percent of America's fire protection is supplied by volunteers -- an amazing total. Volunteers risking lives to save other lives. Just as America's fire fighters have done for over 200 years.

((You know, being here today reminds me of a story that I heard which happened 60 years ago. It seems that 25 of Boston's top Prohibition bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid. And as they were being arraigned, the Judge asked the usual question about occupation.

((The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the Judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" // "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the Judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" // "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around."))

See what I mean? Even back in Prohibition, your numbers turned the tide! // Then, as now, volunteers were the "first responder" not only to fire -- but also accidents, floods, cave-ins, and collapsed buildings. Then, as now, you served as the "backbone of America" -- showing how the definition of a successful life must include serving others. //

Volunteer Week embodies that definition. As do your fifty years of service to the Bethesda community. You're not fire fighters alone -- as crucial as that is. In a larger sense, you're also foot soldiers in a great crusade to lend a hand, tend a wound, and help the less fortunate. //

Think of those who tutor at inner-city schools. Or give to food banks -- I visited one yesterday. Or band together to help the victims of crime. They, too, are foot soldiers. Whenever there's a need. Wherever they are needed. Americans who know -- and show -- that life means nothing without a cause larger than ourselves. //

Today, America's fire fighters number three million strong. Volunteers total an estimated million. They confront issues like hunger, health care, homelessness, and drug abuse. Giving

of their time, and hearts -- like you. In 1736, Ben Franklin founded one of the first volunteer fire companies. Well, today another Franklin has a word for what community service provides. No, not Ben -- Aretha. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. // Respect for your fellow man.

I have said I like what works. Community service works. ((I'm reminded of the writer who was once asked what he would take if his home were on fire and he could remove only one thing. // "I would take the fire," he replied.)) // That's the kind of common sense a rescue squad salutes.

Today, I've come here to salute your common sense -- and your special brand of skill and courage. You show that heroism, American-style, is not going out of style. // So let me close by recalling a favorite Bible verse: "Greater love hath no love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." //

Serving strangers. Saving lives. Walking the path of engagment that helps those most in need. This is America, and the true meaning of community service. Thank you for what you've done, and are doing. And God bless the United States of America.

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What has the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad accomplished in 50 years of volunteer service to the communities it serves?

Everything from removing stranded cats from treetops to keeping people alive . . . sometimes with bare hands . . . until additional help arrives or the patient reaches a hospital emergency room. B-CC Rescue Squad personnel have saved countless lives. That's what their mission is here . . . to save lives . . . to ease pain and suffering . . . to be at the right place at the right time.

For example, the young men and women gathered here today are well trained to handle victims of heart attacks, the leading cause of American deaths. The geographical area covered by this rescue squad has 20-percent more heart attacks than average, yet one of the highest survival rates . . . thanks to countless "saves" by members of the B-CC Rescue Squad.

In addition, these young volunteers . . . that's right, volunteers . . . rescue adults and children from virtually every type of danger known. From simple falls inside their homes . . . from automobile accidents . . . from fires . . . from the river or flash floods . . . the rescue squad is there, well-trained and well-equipped.

Who are these rescuers? Most are bright young people, who live in the community and either go to school or are just starting their careers. Some are older, experienced businessmen; retirees who still have more than just time to donate. All go through the same intense training . . . all have that spirit of volunteerism to help others . . . others who are in danger.

For every minute they spend actually on an emergency call, they spend hours in preparation, on their own time . . . unpaid . . . training and attending drills . . . getting ready to live up to their original motto . . . "ANSWER THE CALL."

The volunteer efforts of this rescue squad . . . and others like it . . . save the American taxpayers millions of dollars each year. These volunteers not only save lives . . . ease pain and suffering . . . they give their community a sense of security, just by being here. Not just for a few months or years but every day and every year . . . for the past 50 years . . . and, God willing, for at least 50 more years!

Just one example of their staying power is this gentleman . . . David Dwyer, Chief of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad for the past 21 years. Dave has been re-elected each and every year for 21 years because the members here have faith in his leadership ability. Although Dave's paid job is at the nearby National Institutes of Health, he volunteers his expertise every night to this rescue squad. Dave Dwyer is a good example of what keeps the volunteer effort alive in America. He cares . . . for his job . . . his community . . . and for helping others. And that . . . ladies and gentlemen . . . is what we're all here for today.

Walter Gold, Life Member



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THIS IS AN ANONYMOUS LETTER THAT APPEARED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN 1980. IT WAS DISCOVERED DURING A RECENT FILE CLEAN-UP.

The Rescue Squad - the most exciting and controversial thing I've ever put into my life! Since I was knee high I've had that natural fascination for rescue workers and fire fighters, somehow attracted by the sense of adventure and responsibility that seems to surround them. The thought, however, that I too could be a part of such an organization was never more than a mind game to me.

This summer I did what seemed to me as the impossible - I handed in an application for the Rescue Squad. The first few times I visited the Squad for meetings and interviews I could already sense something special in the air - a dynamic atmosphere that suggested that the unexpected was just waiting to happen. The people I talked to had a lot of different things to say about the place, but one thing I kept hearing was: "I hope you've got a lot of time on your hands, because this place gets into your blood." I just smiled at such incredible enthusiasm, thinking to myself, that nothing could be so strong to make me want to move into a fire house ready to ride ambulances any time of the day or night at the expense of my family, my job, my schoolwork, and my friends. Boy, was I wrong!

It took as long as my first duty night for me to catch the fever. That was the first time in my life that I wore a fireman's running gear and learned to pull a whole car apart with a Hurst tool. It was at least 90 degrees in that garage and that fire coat was hot as well. But I just plain forgot about that or how tired I was from a long day's work when someone placed the controls of those big shears into my hands and pointed at the right front door of that old car. Here was the kind of excitement my life had been missing!

That was only the beginning! Once I was hooked I just couldn't seem to stay away from the place. Each time I went there, there was something new to learn, new people to run calls with and get to know better, and different situations to be exposed to. No two days were alike!

There is something so reassuring and comforting conveyed to people in emergency situations by those Rescue Squad uniforms and you can watch the people's faces begin to relax just by your presence. That gives you a special feeling. You know you've been trained to do these things these people have no idea about, and there is a great sense of security in being able to sweep that usual helplessness aside and instead get right to work to make a difference in someone's life. That's where human compassion and idealism still find a place, when you can kneel down in the midst of blood and guts without hesitation, trying to

save what's left of a human life all on your own free time!

What do you get in return? Personal gratification: the realization that you are doing something other people never even dare to think about and the satisfaction of your every sense of adventure. Nowadays it's so hard to find adventure and excitement which are free of reckless stupidity. But speeding through the dead of night, in a wailing ambulance, never really knowing what you'll find at your destination, that's the kind of challenge that seems to sweep aside the drudgery and predictability of everyday life.

But in these assets of the Rescue Squad also lies its greatest danger: it does get into your blood and you slowly start judging everything else you do in terms of your life at the Rescue Squad. School and work start losing their importance because they don't provide that extra surge of adrenalin and they seem so dry and abstract. Why spend hours of studying from books when you can get right out there and watch it work in living color.

The Rescue Squad also quickly takes over your social life. The people you spend time with have a lot of similar interests and motivations. These are people you have gotten to know under special circumstances: situations of stress, panic, and human suffering. You have watched the cope with sickness, pain, and even death. You have shared your own strongest and weakest moments. That creates bonds that make many friendships outside the Rescue Squad seem trivial and superficial. They are also the only ones who understand and sympathize with why you are spending so much time there and neglecting many other things. So you spend more and more time at the Rescue Squad because there you know what's expected of you and you feel confident and secure. You shy away from trying new and different things where you will be forced to compete with people who have had more experience or are just plain better at something than you are. You fill the gaps in your life with the Rescue Squad, until your life becomes the Rescue Squad.

This process is so gradual and subtle that you barely notice it while it happens. When the realization finally hits you, you find yourself caught between loving and hating the Rescue Squad. You love the extra dimension it has put into your life and what it has done for you on a personal level. You feel prepared to deal with just about any possible emergency in your life. But at the same time, you hate how easily it has caught you off guard and started to sweep your other plans and dreams right out of your life.

How much to put into the Rescue Squad is something everyone has to work out for himself. What I can say, is that joining the Rescue Squad is the most exciting and meaningful thing I've ever

done. Never before have I been so oblivious to other responsibilities and interests, and had so many friends and family look at me in total disbelief of the lack of comprehension as to the priorities I had set for myself. But at the same time, I've never experienced so many new things, learned so much about myself and others, and met so many great people. Regardless of how much longer the Rescue Squad remains an active part of my life, it has definitely already left its mark.

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Volunteer Week salutes what I call this Nation's points of light -- that vast galaxy of individuals, businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, and voluntary associations working together to solve problems. Your Rescue Squad is a point of light. It is also a source of life. //

Many people don't realize that fully 85 percent of America's fire protection is supplied by volunteers -- an amazing total. Volunteers who meet local emergencies -- risking lives to save other lives. Just as America's fire fighters have done for more than 200 years.

((You know, being here today reminds me of a story that I heard which happened a number of years ago. It seems that 25 of Boston's top Prohibition bootleggers were rounded up in a

surprise raid. And as they were being arraigned, the Judge asked the usual question about occupation.

((The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the Judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" // "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the Judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" // "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around.))

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[[Listen to an anonymous letter that appeared on your bulletin board. It talked of the comfort the B-CC Rescue Squad provides. "You can watch people's faces begin to relax just by your presence. That gives you a special feeling." // And look

with me
at the man ~~to my left~~, David Dwyer, Chief of the Squad for the past 21 years. He symbolizes that feeling. By day, Dave works at the National Institutes of Health. But by night, he's a volunteer. Anywhere there is a need. Anytime he is needed. ///]]

By risking your lives to save others, you are on the front lines. Those who directly take up the fight against drug abuse, illiteracy, homelessness, hunger, environmental decay, and AIDS are also on the front lines. // Like you, they are finding the meaning and adventure that all of us seek in our own lives. We know that life means nothing without a cause larger than ourselves.

Fire fighting was such a cause when, in 1736, Ben Franklin founded one of the first volunteer companies. So it is in 1990 - with fire fighters today three million strong. I salute you, as does your community. But leave it to Franklin to have the last word. No, not Ben -- Aretha. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. // We respect, and admire, you for a job well-done.

Today, America is grateful for your special brand of skill and courage. The courage to put another's life before one's own. Let me close with a Bible verse that defines your lives: "Greater love hath no love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." //

You serve strangers. You save lives. You walk the path of engagement in the lives of those in need. This is America, and the true meaning of serving others. Thank you for what you've done, and are doing. And God bless the United States of America.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BETHESDA RESCUE SQUAD
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1990

Members of the Bethesda Volunteer Rescue Squad, ladies and gentlemen. It's a privilege to be with you. ^{One of} ~~This is~~ the first organization I spoke to as a Vice-Presidential nominee in 1980. I'm glad to be back.

One reason I'm so pleased to be here is that if my speech is a disaster, relief is close at hand. // Then, too, we meet in a special week -- Volunteer Week -- which celebrates the selfless character of the American people. //

Volunteer Week salutes what I call this Nation's points of light -- that vast galaxy of individuals, businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, and voluntary associations working together to solve problems. Your Rescue Squad is a point of light. It is also a source of life. //

Many people don't realize that fully 85 percent of America's fire protection is supplied by volunteers -- an amazing total. Volunteers who meet local emergencies -- risking lives to save other lives. Just as America's fire fighters have done for more than 200 years.

((You know, being here today reminds me of a story that I heard which happened 60 years ago. It seems that 25 of Boston's top Prohibition bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid.

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30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. *has no interest in me*

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. *understand • 10:18*

CHAPTER 15

c. A.D. 30

The vine and the branches

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. *genuine • gardener*

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. *Mat. 15:13 • prunes*

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. *pruned*

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. *Col. 1:23 • remains attached to*

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. *Hos. 14:8 • apart from*

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. *Mat. 3:10*

VI. Does God Answer All Prayers?

(A) 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. *remain attached to • affect*

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. *Mat. 5:16; Phil. 1:11 • honored • 8:31*

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept

my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. *14:15 • obey • live • remain*

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. *16:24; 1 John 1:4*

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. *Mat. 12:50 • what*

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. *explained*

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. *Col. 1:6 • appointed • abide*

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. *This, then,*

The hatred of the world

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. *1 John 3:13*

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. *1 John 4:5 • belonged to • 17:14*

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. *Mat. 10:24*

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. *Mat. 10:22*

22 If I had not come and spoken unto

VI(A) The Bible is filled with answered prayers from Genesis to Revelation. You are commanded to pray, and God has promised to answer (Jer. 33:3 OT). In the above Scripture, there are two requirements for answers to prayer. First, you are to abide in Him; that is, to continue in Him. It means to remain in His perfect will at all cost (Page 1066—Rom. 12:1,2). Second, His words are to abide in you; they are to become a vital part of your life. You are to be filled with, and guided by, His words (Page 1120—Col. 3:16,17). Meet these two requirements, and your prayers will be answered.

(1) The answer is sometimes immediate. Peter walked on the water to go to Jesus, and as he began to sink, he prayed, "Lord, save me." The answer was immediate (Page 903—Matt. 14:22-31).

(2) The answer is sometimes delayed. The delay is according to His will (Page 1063—Rom. 8:28). The resurrection of Lazarus is a good example of delayed answer to prayer. Lazarus was sick. Mary and Martha sent for Jesus to come and heal him. But Jesus delayed coming until Lazarus was dead and in the tomb for four days. Then He came and raised Lazarus from the dead. The answer was delayed—but not denied (Page 1000—John 11:1-44).

(3) The answer is sometimes "no." When God answers with a "no," He always accompanies the answer with peace (Page 1114—Phil. 4:6,7,) and grace (Page 1096—II Cor. 12:7-10).

(4) The answer is sometimes different from what you expect. You pray for patience and God sends tribulation—because "tribulation worketh patience" (Page 1059—Rom. 5:3). God answers all your prayers—not according to your wishes, but according to His perfect will.

Now return to Master Study Outlines, Page 881, for lesson number ten.

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and were proficient in rescue work and other fire department procedures.

Fire department established by municipal action was organized in 1659 by Peter Stuyvesant, governor of New Amsterdam, later New York. He distributed 250 leather buckets and a supply of ladders and hooks which he imported from Holland. A tax of one guilder for every chimney was imposed for the maintenance of this equipment. The fire alarm was given by the twirling of a rattle, with the result that the firemen became known as the Rattle Watch. In 1669 the city appointed a "brent-master," who seems to have been the first fire chief in this country. (*Industrial Fire Chief—Foamite-Childs Corporation*)

Fire department to be paid was authorized in 1697 by New York City. Two fire wardens were authorized for every ward. A penalty of 3 shillings was imposed upon owners for neglecting to remedy defective flues and hearths. If a fire resulted after warning, the fine was 40 shillings. Half of the fee went to the wardens and half to the city.

Fire department to be paid a salary was established by Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 1, 1853, through the efforts of Miles Greenwood. Members of the company received \$60 a year, lieutenants \$100, captains \$150, pipemen and drivers \$365. The chief engineer received \$1,000 a year and assistant engineers \$300. (*Charles Theodore Greve—Centennial History of Cincinnati and Representative Citizens*)

FIRE ENGINE

Fire engine made in this country was built in 1654 by Joseph Jencks, an iron maker of Lynn, Mass. He made a contract with the Selectmen of Boston for an "Engine" to carry water in case of fire. It was a clumsy pump worked by relays of men at the handles. Its cistern was supplied with water by lines of bucket passers. (*Arthur Wellington Brayley—History of Boston Fire Department*)

Fire engine that was practical was the Uncle Joe Ross, invented by Alexander Bonner Latta and manufactured by Latta, Shawk & Company in 1852 in Cincinnati, in the shops of John H. McGowan. It took nine months to build, cost \$10,000, and was tested on January 1, 1853, the date it went into service. It weighed five tons, was drawn by four horses and its own power, and had a square firebox, like that of a locomotive boiler, with a furnace open at the top, upon which the chimney was placed. It ran on three wheels, the front one revolving in the center of the car. It threw from one to six streams of water. In a single stream 1¾ inches in diameter it threw water a distance of 240 feet. Its adoption was due principally to the efforts of Miles Greenwood. (*History of the Cincinnati Fire Department*)

The First

Steam Fire engine was designed and built by Paul Rapsey Hodge, C.E., and publicly tested March 27, 1841, at the City Hall, New York. It was 14 feet long and weighed about 8 tons. It had two small wheels under the boiler in front and two huge wheels at the rear. Two horses were required to draw it on level ground. It was placed in service by Pearl Hose No. 28. It was too heavy and was abandoned because sparks poured from its stacks.

FIRE ESCAPES for tenements were required by New York State, April 17, 1860 (Laws of New York 1860, Chapter 470). A serious fire in Elm Street, New York City, February 2, 1860, in which 20 persons were suffocated or burned to death, showed the necessity for this legislation.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER using vaporized chemical was manufactured by the Pyrene Manufacturing Company, Newark, N.J., and introduced in 1905. The first model had a single-action pump, which had to be tilted down after each stroke, in order to suck up liquid for the next discharge stroke.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER PATENT was awarded to Alanson Crane of Fortress Monroe, Va., who obtained United States patent No. 37,610, February 10, 1863.

FIRE HOSE of rubber-lined cotton web to replace riveted leather hose was invented by James Boyd of Boston, Mass., who obtained a patent May 30, 1821, on a "new and useful improvement in the mode of manufacturing fire engine hose." In 1819 he established James Boyd & Sons in Boston, Mass., and manufactured Boyd's Patent Double Fire Engine Hose.

FIRE INSURANCE. See Insurance

FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER. See Forest fire: Forest fire lookout tower

FIRE PATROL

Fire patrol was "The Philadelphia Society for the Protection of Movable Property in Time of Fire," organized in Philadelphia in 1819, to prevent theft and to salvage articles in fires. The company had large baskets in which to place the articles saved and had vehicles for carrying the baskets away.

Fire patrol to receive a salary was organized in New York City in 1835 and consisted of four men, each of whom was paid a salary of \$250 a year to protect property from theft and damage during fires.

FIRE PREVENTION LEGISLATION was enacted March 17, 1631, by Cambridge (Newtowne), Mass., as the result of a fire the previous day in Boston, Mass., which spread to an adjoining house. The legislation provided that "no man there shall build his chimney with wood, nor cover his house with thatch." (*Thomas Prince—A*

pt the fingerprinting (o.) Metropolitan Police, October 28, 1904, by fingerprint persons John M. Shea was the first expert connected with the police. He became associated with the Metropolitan Police Department, appointed Superintendent, September 14, 1903. His death, July 17, 1926. —*Fingerprinting: A*

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led by the Reverend reported that a fire had broken out in a coal mine known as the Smithfield mine, and the Smithfield mine on the side of the Monongahela River, Pittsburgh now known as the Smithfield mine. (*Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce*)

force took place in New York City, on October 16, 1835, when 600 persons were killed, entailing a loss of \$1 million. (*Joanna Reade Lamb—New York*)

ence in America occurred in 1630, when there were "burned houses, besides the houses, besides the houses, etc.," in Boston. In 1630 in Boston, 80 dwellings were destroyed, amounting to \$1 million. (*Rev. A General History of the Discovery to 1680*)

Oil

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electric) was invented in 1800 by Benjamin Franklin in Boston, Mass., and in 1800 by Benjamin Franklin in Salem, Mass., who obtained patent No. 17,355 for "a lamp." The first city to use it was New York, which on June 1851 used the device.

used entirely of women in the fire department, Asheville, N.Y., in 1862. The men replaced the male in the armed forces or in the fire department. They served without a per-minute pumper.

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Banner: B-C Rescue Squad

30 years of Volunteer Service

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21 yrs. Staff

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50th anniversary

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& run out building

Rescue training + CPR

Once a month each firm must
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BETHESDA-CC RESCUE SQUAD / BETHESDA, MARYLAND
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1990 / 1:45 P.M.

PRESIDENT GIEBEL [GHEE-BULL], CHIEF DWYER, MEMBERS
OF THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD.
CONGRESSMAN CURT WELDON, FOUNDER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
FIRE SERVICE CAUCUS, AND MY FRIEND AND YOUR OWN
REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESSWOMAN CONNIE MORELLA. LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE WITH YOU. THIS
IS ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONS I SPOKE TO AS A VICE-
PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE IN 1980. I'M GLAD TO BE BACK.

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ONE REASON I'M SO PLEASED TO BE HERE IS THAT IF MY
SPEECH IS A DISASTER, RELIEF IS CLOSE AT HAND. //
THEN, TOO, WE MEET IN A SPECIAL WEEK -- NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK -- WHICH CELEBRATES THE SELFLESS
CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. //

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK SALUTES WHAT I CALL THIS NATION'S "POINTS OF LIGHT" -- THAT VAST GALAXY OF INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, AND VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. YOUR RESCUE SQUAD IS A POINT OF LIGHT. IT IS ALSO A SOURCE OF LIFE. //

MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT FULLY 80 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IS SUPPLIED BY VOLUNTEERS -- AN AMAZING TOTAL.

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VOLUNTEERS WHO MEET LOCAL EMERGENCIES -- RISKING LIVES TO SAVE OTHER LIVES. JUST AS AMERICA'S FIRE FIGHTERS HAVE DONE FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS.

((YOU KNOW, BEING HERE TODAY REMINDS ME OF A STORY THAT I HEARD WHICH HAPPENED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. IT SEEMS THAT 25 OF BOSTON'S TOP PROHIBITION BOOTLEGGERS WERE ROUNDED UP IN A SURPRISE RAID. AND AS THEY WERE BEING ARRAIGNED, THE JUDGE ASKED THE USUAL QUESTION ABOUT OCCUPATION.

((THE FIRST 24 MEN WERE ENGAGED IN THE SAME PROFESSION -- EACH CLAIMED TO BE A "FIRE FIGHTER." WELL, NATURALLY, THE JUDGE ASKED THE LAST PRISONER, "AND WHAT ARE YOU?" // "YOUR HONOR," HE REPLIED, "I'M A BOOTLEGGER." SURPRISED, THE JUDGE LAUGHED AND ASKED, "HOW'S BUSINESS?" // "IT WOULD BE A LOT BETTER," HE ANSWERED, "IF THERE WEREN'T SO MANY FIRE FIGHTERS AROUND."))

SEE WHAT I MEAN? EVEN BACK IN PROHIBITION, YOUR NUMBERS TURNED THE TIDE! // THEN, AS NOW, VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU WERE THE "FIRST RESPONDER" NOT ONLY TO FIRE -- BUT ALSO ACCIDENTS, FLOODS, CAVE-INS, AND COLLAPSED BUILDINGS. THEN, AS NOW, YOU ACTED AS THE "BACKBONE OF AMERICA" -- SHOWING THAT ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS. //

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK EMBODIES THAT DEFINITION. AS DO YOUR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY. TALK ABOUT VARIETY. YOU'VE RESCUED CATS FROM TREETOPS, AND CHILDREN FROM SMASHED AUTOS. HELPING VICTIMS OF HEART ATTACKS, AND SENIOR CITIZENS -- ALONE AND VULNERABLE -- AFTER FALLS WITHIN THEIR HOME. YOUNG KIDS AND RETIREES, EXECUTIVES AND LABORERS -- EACH OF YOU, TO QUOTE THE SQUAD'S ORIGINAL MOTTO, HAS "ANSWER[ED] THE CALL." //

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LISTEN TO AN ANONYMOUS LETTER THAT APPEARED ON YOUR BULLETIN BOARD. IT TALKED OF THE COMFORT THE B-CC RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDES. "YOU CAN WATCH PEOPLE'S FACES BEGIN TO RELAX JUST BY YOUR PRESENCE. THAT GIVES YOU A SPECIAL FEELING." // AND LOOK AT THE MAN WITH ME, DAVID DWYER, CHIEF OF THE SQUAD FOR THE PAST 21 YEARS. HE'S ONE OF THE HEROES RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT FEELING.

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BY DAY, DAVE WORKS AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. BUT BY NIGHT, HE'S A VOLUNTEER. ANYWHERE THERE IS A NEED. ANYTIME HE IS NEEDED. //

BY RISKING YOUR LIVES TO SAVE OTHERS, YOU ARE ON THE FRONT LINES. THOSE WHO DIRECTLY TAKE UP THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, ILLITERACY, HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER, ENVIRONMENTAL DECAY, AND AIDS ARE ALSO ON THE FRONT LINES. // LIKE YOU, THEY ARE FINDING THE MEANING AND ADVENTURE THAT ALL OF US SEEK IN OUR OWN LIVES.

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WE KNOW THAT LIFE MEANS NOTHING WITHOUT A CAUSE LARGER THAN OURSELVES.

FIRE FIGHTING WAS SUCH A CAUSE WHEN, IN 1736, BEN FRANKLIN FOUNDED ONE OF THE FIRST VOLUNTEER COMPANIES. SO IT IS IN 1990 -- WITH FIRE FIGHTERS AND E.M.S. PERSONNEL TODAY ONE MILLION STRONG. I SALUTE YOU, AS DOES YOUR COMMUNITY. WE RESPECT, AND ADMIRE, YOU FOR A JOB WELL-DONE.

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TODAY, AMERICA IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SPECIAL BRAND OF SKILL AND COURAGE. THE COURAGE TO PUT ANOTHER'S LIFE BEFORE ONE'S OWN. LET ME CLOSE WITH A BIBLE VERSE THAT DEFINES YOUR LIVES: "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAN A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." //

YOU, AND COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF OTHERS LIKE YOU AROUND THIS GREAT COUNTRY, SERVE STRANGERS. YOU SAVE LIVES.

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YOU WALK THE PATH OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED. THIS IS AMERICA, AND THE TRUE MEANING OF SERVING OTHERS. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, AND ARE DOING. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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