

Chapter 1

Brief Chronological History

Copy of Original Charter

Dated: May 5, 1936

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, desire to, and hereby do, associate to incorporate an association, not organized for profit, in which no capital stock is required or to be issued, under the provisions and subject to the requirements of the law for such cases and provided, and by this, our certificate of incorporation, set forth as follows:

- (a) The name of the corporation to be VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS, Incorporated.
- (b) The name of the City wherein its principal office in this state is to be located is ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.
- (c) The purpose for which it is formed are as follows:
 - 1. To promote a better understanding between the various Life Saving and Rescue Squads or units in the State of Virginia.
 - 2. Increased efficiency through education and personal contact; through holding conventions and contests; and through the publication of a paper dealing with subjects of interest to all units in the State on Life Saving and First Aid.
 - 3. To establish Life Saving and First Aid work in the State of Virginia on a basis comparable with that of other organizations whose work is statewide in character.
 - 4. To foster a program of accident prevention through-out the State.
 - 5. To give all units in the state exact information pertaining to equipment and manpower which would be available to any unit in the event of a catastrophe or calamity beyond the power of a single unit to satisfactorily handle.
 - 6. To establish a cooperative research bureau for the development and improvement of Life Saving and First Aid methods and equipment.
- (d) The maximum number of Directors who are to manage the affairs of the same shall be thirty (30), and vacancies in such number are to be filled by vote of the members, as provided in the by-laws.
- (e) The names and residences of the Directors who are to manage its affairs for the first year of its existence are as follows:

Julian S. Wise, Roanoke, Virginia
M. B. Blair, Blacksburg, Virginia
R. B. Persinger, Salem, Virginia
Roy L. Hunt, Washington, DC
Lloyd H. Steele, Covington, Virginia
W. R. Lawrence, Radford, Virginia

J. B. Ferguson, Roanoke, Virginia
W. H. Clements, Lynchburg, Virginia
Frank Shively, Roanoke, Virginia
P. E. Finisecy, Alexandria, Virginia
L. W. Devers, Alexandria, Virginia

And the name, residence and post office of the president is Julian S. Wise, Roanoke, Virginia, c/o Roanoke Fire Department

And the name, residence and post office of the Secretary is Armand W. Reynolds, Roanoke, Virginia, c/o Virginia Bridge Co.

- (f) The period for the duration of the corporation is unlimited.
- (g) The amount of real estate to which its holdings at any time are to be limited is one hundred (100) acres.

Given under our hands, this 5th day of May, 1936.

(signed) Julian S. Wise J. B. Ferguson C. R. Dever

From Handwritten Notes

by C. R. Devers, Historian (Undated)

The history of our association began seven and a half months before the writer became Historian, however I shall endeavor to record the history as it occurred from the Associations beginning.

The night of February 12th, 1935 should be a memorable one for all members of the Association, for it was on this occasion that a meeting was called at the Hotel Roanoke at Roanoke, Virginia by Captain Julian S. Wise of the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew. Invitations to attend had been issued to all First Aid Crews and Rescue Squads of the state, for the purpose of forming an association.

The meeting was well attended by interested citizens from all parts of the state as well as the following units.

Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew,
Viscose Life Saving and First Aid Crew,
Covington Life Saving and First Aid Crew,
Salem Life Saving and First Aid Crew,
Lynchburg Life Saving and First Aid Crew,
V.P. I. Life Saving Crew.

During this meeting after much discussion and debate the name Virginia Association of Rescue Squads was decided upon as best suited to our objective. (see Article II, Section I of the by laws and Constitution).

Captain Julian S. Wise of Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew was elected president of our association who with the other officers duly elected were to serve in office until our first annual convention to be held at Lynchburg, Va. on Saturday, September 28th, 1935.

"Our First Convention"

The Association met in Annual Convention for the first time, Saturday, September 28th, 1935 with the Lynchburg Life Saving and First Aid Crew as our host.

During the business session of our convention we admitted into charter membership, the Alexandria Virginia Rescue Squad and the Emergency First Aid Corps of the Washington, D.C. and the Radford Life

Saving and First Aid Crew.

While we were holding our business session the Board of Directors under Chairman J. B. Ferguson met and elected the following officers to serve a term of one year or until our next annual convention which is to be held on Saturday, September 26th, 1936 at Roanoke, Virginia.

President, Captain Julian S. Wise
Chairman of the Board, J. B. Ferguson
Secretary of the Board, W. H. Clements
First Vice President, V. Howard Ford
Second Vice President, L. P. Strobel
Third Vice President, R. N. Sibold
Secretary, A. W. Reynolds
Treasurer, Charlotte B. Randall
Historian, C. R. Devers

A very interesting time was had by all who attended this convention, both during the day when the various crews gave demonstrations of their skill in rescue and first aid procedure and at the banquet and dance which will long be remembered for the good food and the feminine pulchritude supplied by our host.

We closed our convention in high hope that we had elected a good set of officers and we went our various ways expecting to meet again next year.

"In Memoriam"

Another year has gone by and we meet again but not without a certain amount of sadness in our hearts for on the night of March the 8th our beloved Treasurer Mrs. Charlotte B. Randall was called to her heavenly reward. She was a woman who gave unstintingly of her time and fortune to ease the pains and cares of humanity. To know this woman was to love her. The esteem in which she was held by the firemen and police of the states of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia is evidence in the attached newspaper article telling of her death.

1935

The organizational meeting was held in the Green Room at the Hotel Roanoke on Tuesday, February 12, 1935 with representatives of six squads in attendance.

The first convention was held at the Elks Club in Lynchburg on September 28, 1935.

The Board of Governors agreed on member dues of \$0.50 per member of each squad.

Convention BOG Meeting,
September 28, 1935

The Treasurer reported that all squads had paid their dues and \$55 had been collected. (That would mean 110 members.)

The six original members were:

American Viscose Company
Lynchburg Life Saving Crew
Salem Rescue Squad
Covington Fire Department First Aid Crew
Roanoke Life Saving Crew
VPI Life Saving Corps

Applications for membership were approved from: Emergency First Aid Corps, Washington, DC; Radford; and Alexandria Rescue #1.

1936

Spring BOG Meeting, May 1936

The Board of Governors voted to obtain a Charter of Incorporation.

Arlington County Rescue Squad #5 was approved for membership.

Death of Association Treasurer

Mrs. Charlotte Randall, Association Treasurer was found dead in the garage of her home on March 9, 1936. B. J. Cassell of Chevy Chase, Maryland was elected to replace her as Treasurer.

Meeting of the Second Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads
The convention was held on September 26, 1936 at the Hotel Patrick Henry in Roanoke. The program included speakers on Holger Neilson Method of Resuscitation, Street and Highway Safety, and The Importance of a Life Saving Crew. First Aid Competition was held and the banquet was held in the evening.

Applications for membership were approved from: Virginia Bridge and Lexington.



Roanoke Life Saving Crew Vehicle

1937

Meeting of the Third Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads
The Third Annual Convention of the VARS was called to order by President Julian Wise at 10:30 AM on September 25, 1937 at the Westvaco Club in Covington, Virginia.

The invocation was offered by the Rev. H. S. Coffey and was followed by an address of welcome by the Honorable W. H. Robertson, Mayor of Covington.

J. B. Ferguson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, made a report of the meeting of that body which was held at the Collins Hotel the preceding day at 8:00 PM. He presented nine resolutions which had been unanimously adopted and designed to be incorporated in the records of the Association.

The principal speaker of the day was W. B. Borden, Past President of the New Jersey First Aid Council who gave an outline of the organization and operating methods of the group. Mr. Herman Weaver of the Roanoke Crew presented a paper on the subject of "Operation of Oxygen Tents." Professor M. Buford Blair of VPI spoke on Aquatic Sports and Life Saving. Capt. R. N. Sibold of the Viscose Life Saving and First Aid Crew gave a brief talk on the Industrial Relations of the Life Saving Crew.

Following recognition of visitors, the assembly adjourned to meet at Salem, Va. Sat. Sept. 24, 1938. (From Copy of Minutes, September 25, 1937)

The First Aider

Volume 1, #1 published October 1937 by L. P. Strobel, First Vice President from Alexandria.

1939

The First Aider, November 1939

"The new staff thank and congratulate Past Editor Strobel and his staff for their successful efforts with The First Aider the past two years."

"On October 25th, The First Aider moved its editing home from Alexandria to Blacksburg."

The First Aider, December 1939

November 1939 issue listed M. Buford Blair as Chaplain. The December 1939 issue notes that J. L. Haley from Lynchburg will serve as Chaplain and M. Buford Blair will be Editor of The First Aider.

"We wish to congratulate the town of Vinton on the installation of the new crew in that community."

"On November 23rd, the Roanoke Crew served the annual VPI-VMI Thanksgiving game at Maher Field. About 19,000 people were on hand."

1940

Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Organized on February 5, 1940 with 25 members. William H. Carper served as the first Captain. The first vehicle was a donated laundry truck that was converted into an ambulance.

1941

The First Aider

"The Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew meets each Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM at the Crew Hall, located over Oakey's Garage."

(First Aider, March 1941)

The Lexington First Aid Crew received a portable resuscitator from the local Rotary Club.

(First Aider, July 1941)

Hunton Life Saving Crew

The Hunton Life Saving Crew, was organized by Mr. Alexander A. Terrell on December 21, 1941, two weeks after the attack of Pearl Harbor. The purpose of the Hunton Life Saving Crew, was to prevent accidents, teach safety, give first-aid classes and training to the general public and to train schools and factories and others in the use of first aid equipment and to save lives. The Hunton Life Saving Crew was the only African-American Life Saving Crew in the world at the time of its inception.

1942

A. J. Sinclair was elected president of Roanoke Junior First Aid Crew. (First Aider, Jan 42)

"Organization of an all-woman First Aid and Life Saving Crew has been completed with the election of officers and designation of the unit as the YWCA First Aid and Life Saving Crew. Mrs. J. R. VanSickler is president."

(First Aider, June 1942)

"L. W. Overstreet of the Viscose Crew has been appointed treasurer of the Virginia Association to take the place of H. W. Popper who has resigned to take a place in the Army."

(First Aider, September 1942)

1942 Convention will be held on Saturday, September 26, 1942 at the Hotel Roanoke.

(First Aider, September 1942)

1943

W. R. Vickers, Third Vice President resigned in May 1943 to join the Armed Services.

(First Aider, May 1943)

R. N. Sibold, production control supervisor at the Roanoke plant of the American Viscose Corporation, was among the 27 employees of the company who were presented with the company's Salvage Award. In 1934 a group of male Viscose employees decided to form a Viscose first aid crew. In 1935, R. N. Sibold was elected captain and served as such until the present time. (First Aider, May 1943)

The Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew was organized February 27, 1935 under the auspices of the fire department.

(First Aider, July 1943)

The Bedford Life Saving and First Aid Crew was organized on July 8, 1943. The first Captain was Berkeley Gray. By August 1943, the crew had purchased their first vehicle.

Board of Governors Meeting

The yearly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Association will be held this year at the Virginian Hotel, located at 8th and Church Streets, Lynchburg, Va. The meeting will be called at 7:30 PM, Saturday, September 25, 1943. (First Aider, August 1943)

1944

Program for the 10th Annual Convention, Alexandria, September 29-30, 1944

"First Aid Contest, First Prize, \$50 cash

Second Prize, \$25 cash"

"Convention Dinner, 6:40 PM, Cost, \$1.25 per person."

"Hotel Reservations at George Mason Hotel, Room with double bed, lavatory, toilet but no bath, \$5.00 per day; Room with double bed, private bath, \$6.00 per day."

(Virginia First Aider, September, 1944)

Convention BOG Meeting, September 1944

Vinton First Aid Crew was given a leave of absence as of May 1, 1944 for the duration of the war.

1945

Class in Iron Lung

A class in the use of iron lung was conducted at Roanoke Life Saving Crew on June 2. Herman Weaver and Julian Wise conducted the training. The discussion was about the polio epidemic and the importance of the iron lung as life saving equipment. The cost of the iron lung is approximately \$1,500. First aid crews within 50 miles of Roanoke own 20 units. (Bulletin, June 1945)

Convention 1945

Due to the war, no crew has offered to sponsor the Convention this fall. "In short, nothing is being done to arrange for or have a Convention. However it will be necessary to have a BOG meeting to elect new officers for the ensuing year." (Bulletin, July 1945)

Lynchburg Dedicates New Building

Lynchburg Life Saving and First Aid Crew dedicated their new headquarters at 1218 Rivermont Avenue on November 16th.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting, held at the 10th Annual Meeting of the VARS, held at Virginia Bridge (Company), September 25, 1945

Meeting called to order by Board Chairman, A. J. Sinclair. 10 squads present. Officers elected. Treasurer, L. W. Overstreet reported a balance of \$97.36. Motion made and carried that President Dunlap continue his Bulletin until future plans can be made to revive The First Aider.

1946

The First Aid Bulletin

Volume 1, # 3 published in January 1946 by C. W. R. Dunlap, Lexington.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting, held at the 11th Annual Convention of the VARS, held at Natural Bridge Hotel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. N. Sibold at 8:15 PM. Minutes of the September 25, 1945, September 11, 1946, and August 30, 1946 were read and approved.

Old Business: Mr. Sibold asked that we keep secret the election til the Saturday morning meeting.

First Aid Contest: Report by Mr. Blair that everything was ready for the contest. Question was asked as to whether it should be a five man team or six man team. It was decided that we have six man team, same as in the past years. Teams entering were: Virginia Bridge, Alexandria, Bedford, Lexington, Lynchburg, and Visco. Mr. Sibold told the delegates that they would be responsible for getting their teams to the contest on time and to invite the public. Motion made and carried that we leave it up to the chairman of the contest committee to prepare the space for the teams.

Contest Award: Mr. Gray of the trophy committee, being absent and no cup being available

at this time, it was left up to Mr. Blair to look out for a cup and get price at once.

Annual Banquet: To be held from 6:30 to 7:30 P. M. Illumination of Bridge admission \$0.60 to VARS members. Dance: Mr. Jeffers reported the V.P.I. Cavaliers were here to play for the dance, admission \$1.00 in advance, \$1.50 at the door.

Mr. Marshall suggested that we take up the matter of applications for membership and reinstatements at this time. Motion made by Mr. E. B. Hylton that suspend the regular order of business and take up reinstatements, withdrawals and application for membership. Motion seconded by Mr. L. W. Overstreet and carried.

New Business: The Vinton Life Saving Crew, Inc., represented by Mr. Grubbs applied for reinstatement, unanimously accepted back into the Association.

New Business: Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew applied for membership and was unanimously elected to membership in the Association. Giles Life Saving and Rescue Squad was represented by Mr. Hardwick, and was elected to membership in the Association.

Bylaws: Motion made by Mr. M. B. Blair and seconded by Mr. Vasold that we act on the By-laws as a whole. Motion carried 12 to 2, with changes as noted. Article 4, Section 4 paragraph B is revised to read as follows: "The Board of Governors shall at their first administration meeting elect a Legal Advisor from within or without its own membership, if elected within the membership of the Board, he shall be eligible to vote. If elected out of the Board of membership, he must be a member of a unit in the Association, but not eligible to vote on business in the meetings."

Resolution: Mr. Dunlap offered the following resolution. Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws as acted upon at the Board of Governors meeting held this the 10th day of October, 1946 at Natural Bridge, Va., under Article X Section 2 (c) be declared an emergency and that the proposed amendments be in force immediately.

Election of Officers: The following were elected: President, Andy Hodges, Roanoke Life Saving Crew; Vice President, M. B. Blair, Va. Tech Life Saving Corps; Secretary Marvin Naff, Williamson Road Life Saving Crew; Treasurer, C. W. R. Dunlap, Lexington Life Saving Crew; Historian, Everett Peters, Williamson Road Life Saving Crew; Chaplain, Guy Campbell, Viscose Life Saving Crew; Legal Advisor, T. S. Marshall, Virginia Bridge Life Saving Crew.

Convention for 1947: Rescue Squad of Clifton Forge Fire Department invited the Association to be their guest in 1947.

First Aid Bulletin: Mr. Dunlap talked of a new plan to mail the bulletin to all members, of all crews at a cost of \$48.00 a year, to be pledged by all crews in advertisements to the magazine. After much discussion it was decided that each crew representative take the matter back to his crew and give Mr. Dunlap an answer in thirty days.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 AM.
Recorded by A. J. Sinclair, Secretary
(Copied from Original Minutes of the Meeting, 1946 Convention)



Early 1940's photo of Culpeper Rescue Squad

1947

Lynchburg Crew

"Lynchburg Life Saving Crew is celebrating its 13th Anniversary in April."

(First Aid Bulletin, May 1947)

Christiansburg Life Saving Crew

Organized May, 1947 with 11 members.
J. Cullen Murray was first captain.

Radford Sponsors Clayton Lake Outing

"The dates have been set for that long looked for gathering at Clayton Lake for this year. They are Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27. All crews will gather in Radford at 2:00 PM and be directed to the lake. Captain Julian Wise has been appointed chairman of the gathering."

Membership Directory, February 1947

Alexandria Rescue Squad #1
Bedford Life Saving & First Aid Crew
Rescue Squad of Clifton Forge Fire Dept
Covington First Aid and Rescue Squad
Fredericksburg Rescue Squad
Giles Life Saving & Rescue Squad
Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew
Lynchburg Life Saving & First Aid Crew
Radford Fire Department Rescue Squad
Salem Rescue Squad
Southside Virginia Emergency Crew
Roanoke Life Saving & First Aid Crew

Roanoke Junior Life Saving Crew
Virginia Bridge Life Saving & First Aid Crew
V.P. I. Life Saving Corps
Vinton First Aid Crew
Viscose Life Saving & First Aid Crew
Westvaco Rescue Squad
Williamson Road Life Saving & First Aid Crew
(FAB February, 1947)

Convention BOG Minutes,
September 12, 1947
"...bylaw change, that the dues be raised from fifty cents to one dollar per member. Motion was rejected." (FAB, Sept 1947)

Applications for membership were approved from: Culpeper, Danville, Marion, Southside-Petersburg, Christiansburg, Altavista, and Bristol for membership during the past year.

"we have just closed the first Association year with the printed form of the First Aid Bulletin" (FAB, Sept 1947)

Roanoke Junior Life Saving Crew requested permission to withdraw from the Association. The crew is inactive and had requested to withdraw. (FAB, Sept 1947)

Suggestion of Group Meetings
"Is your squad interested in organizing a group to meet and visit with each other about once a quarter?" Six groupings suggested.
(FAB, December 1947)

1948

Roanoke Life Saving
The crew will celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary in May.

Southside Virginia Emergency Crew
"The idea for formation of a squad in the City of Petersburg occurred in April 1945. The idea was submitted to the Petersburg Junior Chamber of Commerce. The first official meeting

was held on May 25. Charter members included E. Neal Bunts and Clay B. Jarvis." (FAB, January 1948)

Buena Vista Crew Reorganized
The crew was organized prior to World War II, and as a majority of its members were called into the service, the crew was forced to disband as an active organization. At a recent organization meeting it was decided to change the name to the Rescue Squad of the Buena Vista Fire Department. (FAB, May 1948)

Alexandria Rescue Squad #1
Was organized on May 10, 1930 to provide the citizens of Alexandria emergency ambulance service. With the aid of several civic groups, our locale was solicited for contributions for an ambulance. (FAB, May 1948)

Williamson Road Life Saving Crew
Was organized in 1942 with 12 charter members. (FAB, July 1948)

Convention BOG Minutes, September 1948
"Mr. Blair asked Mr. Dunlap just when was the publication changed to the First Aid Bulletin. He replied that he had changed the name in 1945 when he edited a mimeograph publication which he called the First Aid Bulletin..." (FAB, October 1948)

Lynchburg Life Saving
"Captain Lewis D. Staton was recently promoted to Assistant Fire Chief of Lynchburg. His promotion makes it impossible for him to maintain captaincy of the crew."
(FAB November 1948)



1948 Packard Ambulance,
Glasgow Life Saving Crew

1949

Culpeper Rescue Squad

"The squad was organized in July 1942 with twenty charter members. William H. Carper, Town Manager was elected as first Captain. The first piece of rolling equipment was a 1937 Chevrolet panel truck." (FAB, May 1949)

Water Rescue Demonstration

"Over 1500 persons from Buena Vista and the surrounding area witnessed the Water Rescue demonstration on June 5th, when the Buena Vista Squad acted as host to the quarterly meeting of District I squads." (FAB, June 1949)

1949 Convention Program

Included three Panel Discussions

1. Paid Men for Life Saving Crews
2. Training Life Saving Crew Members
3. How to Eliminate Minor Calls

Marion First Aid Crew Building

The Smyth County School Board donated a lot for the building of a new crew hall in Marion.

1950

Ashland Rescue Squad was organized on October 19, 1950. The first captain was John A. Houchins.

Clifton Forge Rescue Squad was called on to deliver an iron lung to Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond. Within five hours the iron lung was delivered.

(Richmond Times Dispatch, May 28, 1950)

BOG Minutes, September 29, 1950

Called to order at 3:30 PM at General Shelby Hotel in Bristol.

Resolution was approved to encourage the organization of Ladies Auxiliaries.

Membership Committee reported the following crews had been admitted during the past year:

Harrisonburg
Wythe County
Hopewell
Halifax County
Staunton Fire Department

The Alexandria Crew resigned from the Association.

Treasurer's Report, January 1950 showed General Fund Balance of \$599.51

(FAB, February 1950)

1952

Governor Battle spoke at the closing session of the seventeenth annual convention of VARS in Fredericksburg. Governor Battle urged members to "get out and let the people know about the courageous mercy work they are doing." (Richmond Times Dispatch, September 28, 1952)

International First Aid and Rescue Association held joint convention in Roanoke with VARS.

(Roanoke Times, September 29, 1951)



Colonial Beach Squad
and 1952 Chevrolet Station Wagon Ambulance

1953

Fredericksburg Rescue Squad

"Fredericksburg City Council has ended a long battle over where a new building for the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad should be built. The decision to give up part of the 701 year old city park met with only one opposing voice from the Council." (Richmond Times Dispatch, April 24, 1953)

Colonial Beach First to Accept Women

The distinction of being the first squad in Virginia to accept women members belongs to the Colonial Beach Rescue Squad. In the spring of 1953, five women were trained for full fledged membership. (FAB, July 1958)

Dahlgren Rescue Squad is in organizational stage and recruiting women. The article stated that "... probably be the second squad in the state to employ women".

(Richmond News Leader, December 24, 1953)

1954

Emergency Squad, Inc.

Crewe – A volunteer rescue squad has been organized here at the town firehouse with an ambulance and 15 volunteers. Officers of the squad include Stuart Covington, Captain, and W. C. "Happy" Ragland, First Lieutenant.

(Richmond News Leader, February 15, 1954)

1955

Westvaco History

The Westvaco First Aid Squad consists of employees of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of Covington. The squad was organized in April 1938 with twenty trained first aiders and five first aid instructors. (FAB January 1955)

History of Glasgow Crew

On January 5, 1951, some men began to organize the Glasgow Life Saving and First Aid Crew. The Captain of the Buena Vista Rescue Squad was present and gave them very helpful information. The four charter members received the first aid course from instructors of the Buena Vista Squad. The crew began active operation on March 15, 1951. The by-laws limited the membership to no more than 15 men." (FAB, October 1955)

Two New Members

Dun Loring Rescue Squad with 16 members and Annandale Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad with 27 members joined the Association. (FAB, December 1955)

New Editor for First Aid Bulletin

J. B. Taliaferro from Tappahannock was elected editor of the First Aid Bulletin, a position he held until September 1972. (FAB, January, 1955)

"Ladysmith Rescue Squad starts operations today." (Richmond Times Dispatch, December 12, 1955)



1955 Danville Rescue Truck



Colonial Beach Rescue Squad
with Crew Converted Carryall

1956

Treasurer's Report, September 1956

Beginning Balance, Sept 23, 1955:	\$1,411.97
Receipts during Year	\$2,217.71
Disbursements during Year	\$2,264.13
Ending Balance, Sept 28, 1956	\$1,365.55

District II Holds Roanoke Meeting

"A meeting of rescue squads composing District II, Virginia Association of Rescue Squads was held in Roanoke, on Sunday August 26, 1956 with Williamson Road acting as host. Altavista, Bedford, Danville, American Viscose, Halifax, Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, and Williamson Road were represented." (FAB, September 1956)

Convention BOG Meeting, September 1956

"Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM on September 28, 1956. Bailey's Cross Roads asked to be dropped from the State Association. The roll call showed that 33 of the 44 squads were represented at the meeting.

Nominations for officers included:

Chuck Talbot, Tommy Gill, and James Greer for President. E. M. Reynolds, L. S. McCants, and Wilbur Bryant for Vice President."

(FAB October 1956)

1957

Roanoke Life Saving New Headquarters

On January 13, 1957, over 500 gathered to dedicate the new headquarters building at 374 Day Avenue in Roanoke. President of the crew is Bernard Cook. The building value is estimated at \$135,000 and is debt free.

(FAB, March 1957)

Governor Stanley Proclaims

May 19-25, Rescue Squad Week

(FAB, March, 1957)

Colonial Beach Host to State Association

"The Colonial Beach Rescue Squad has the pleasure of being host squad to the State Association of Rescue Squads the weekend of July 27-28, 1957. Last year this program was held at Buggs Island." (FAB, June 1957)

Waynesboro Buys New Crash Truck

"We recently purchased a new crash truck to replace our old one. The new crash truck consists of a 1957 Ford One Ton cab with a utility body. It is valued at \$4,300."

(FAB, June 1957)

Bristol Dedicates New Headquarters

"On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, October 20, 1957 the dedication service took place at our new crew headquarters. The building is valued at \$45,000." (FAB, November 1957)

Kilmarnock Forms Squad
Kilmarnock Rescue Squad formed six months ago with 21 active members.
(Richmond News Leader, May 2, 1957)

1958

Local Squad Officers for 1958 included:
F. D. Porter, President, Forest View; Doug Gleason, Captain, Hopewell; G. W. Lushbaugh, President, Clifton Forge; and Grant Davis, Captain, Salem Rescue Squad.
(FAB, January 1958)

Forest View "The big news at Forest View during January was the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Forest Porter was elected president. Congratulations and best wishes to the girls!" (FAB, February 1958)

Rescue Squad Week, May 17 - 24
Governor J. Lindsay Almond, Jr. signed a tribute to all members of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads. (FAB, May 1958)

Manchester Squad Organizes Junior Squad
"The squad is open to all male teenagers from the age 14-20 years. Advisor is R. C. Van Allen." (FAB, May 1958)

Viscose Life Saving Crew Resigns
The American Viscose plant closed in Roanoke and Viscose Life Saving Crew disbanded. (charter member of association) (FAB October 1958)

Activity Report Summary
33 of the 50 Association members reported the following for September 1957 to September 1958:

Total Number of Calls	16,888
Miles Traveled	321,112
Number First Aid Instructors	211
Victims Serviced in Iron Lungs	20

(FAB, October 1958)

Convention BOG Meeting, September 1958
The Board of Governors met in the auditorium of the Natural Bridge Hotel on Friday, September 19 at 2:00 PM.

Five Resolutions Approved:

1. Set aside same week each year as Rescue Squad Week.
2. Make a study of the districts to determine the necessity and desirability of redistricting the Association.
3. Convention date and location be chosen two years in advance.
4. That the State Convention be held the same time each year.
5. Request the General Assembly to lend its support to legislation designed to limit the use of the words "rescue squads" to organizations whose members are all holders of current and valid "Advanced American Red Cross First Aid Course" certificates.

New squads joining in the past year include: Ladysmith, Bensley, and Bowling Green. Applications from Winchester and Cumberland County were presented and approved. (FAB, October 1958)

1959

Four VARS District Coordinators were appointed by the president.
Herb King, Clifton Forge
G. H. Talbott, Altavista
Fred Callihan, Washington County
K. B. Herndon, Fredericksburg
(FAB, January 1959)

Manchester "reported their plans to develop new look by upgrading vehicles from station wagons to carryalls for transporting victims."

Winchester "reported on death of Chief Vance Whitaker in a tragic ambulance-auto accident.

Convention BOG Meeting, September 1959
The Board of Governors met in the Old Dominion Room of the General Shelby Hotel in Bristol, Virginia of September 25, 1959. There were thirty-seven squads represented.

J. B. Taliaferro, Jr. presented copies of the suggested state emblem. Motion was made to accept this emblem and to make the cross green.

President Tommy Gill read a letter from Douglas L. Moore, State Coordinator of Civil Defense requesting that the Association designate a person to be the liaison to his office with the authority to coordinate the rescue work in time of emergency. Mr. Moore suggested that Mr. Tommy Gill be appointed. Motion carried to appoint Mr. Gill as Chief of Rescue Services.
(FAB, October 1959)

Jarvis Selected as Crewman of the Year
Clay B. "Monk" Jarvis has been awarded the P. T. Barfield Rotating Trophy as the "Crewman of the Year" by Petersburg's Southside Emergency Crew. Jarvis has been a member of the crew since its organization in May of 1945. The trophy, inaugurated in 1957, is presented for efficiency, ability and devotion to duty.
(Richmond News Leader, January 19, 1959)

Emergency Squad, Inc.
Emergency Squad, Inc., located in Crewe, joined the Association in April 1959. Later their name was changed to Nottoway County Emergency Squad.

1960

Lynchburg Dedicates New Crew Hall
Dedication of the new headquarters and open house was held on January 31, 1960 with V. Howard Ford presiding and comments by Association president, "Duck" Reynolds. Doug R. Cox was Captain of the Crew.

A charter has been approved for the West End Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. Donald N. Davis is president and Reginald R. McLawhorn is Vice President and Operations Officer.
(Richmond News Leader, February 24, 1960)

Lexington Celebrates 25 Years of Service
The First Aid Crew of the Lexington Fire Department was organized on February 27, 1935. In 1946, the name was changed to the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew. One of the charter members was C. W. R. Dunlap. (VAVRS President) (FAB 5/60)

Richmond County Organizes Rescue Squad
Gaylord Belfield of Warsaw was named temporary president of the new Richmond County Rescue Squad at an organizational meeting. A group of 25 persons now taking first aid training will be the nucleus of the squad.
(FAB, July 1960)

Convention BOG Meeting, September 1960
The meeting was held at the General Washington Inn, Fredericksburg on September 23-24, 1960. Broadway and Fairfield were approved for membership in the Association.

The President noted that Tommy Gill had been appointed chairman of Civil Defense, but because of the press of business he could not complete his term and William H. Meadows was appointed as his replacement.
(FAB, December 1960)

Raymond Therien Memorial Plaque
The first annual Raymond Therien Memorial Plaque was awarded to the Tappahannock Volunteer Rescue Squad. The plaque, to be given annually to the winner of the state association first aid competition, was presented in honor of Tuckahoe member Ray Therien, who was killed in the ambulance while responding to a call. (Richmond Times Dispatch, November 28, 1960)

1961

Governor J. Lindsay Almond met with officers to proclaim May 21-27 as Rescue Squad Week. (FAB, May 1961)

Plans for Civil Defense Rescue School
Representatives of the Association and State Office of Civil Defense met in Richmond to discuss plans for the joint sponsorship of a rescue school. (FAB, August 1961)

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand, January 1961, \$2,936.08

1962

Dingledine Elected Vinton Crew Captain
Karl M. Dingledine was installed as Captain of the Vinton First Aid Crew replacing retiring Captain Harry S. Goggin. (FAB, February 1962)

Junior Squadsmen Meeting

There will be a meeting of all Junior Rescue Squads on Sunday, January 20, 1963 at the Lakeside Volunteer Rescue Squad headquarters in Richmond to organize a State Association of Junior Squads. W. H. Clark, will be serving as State Director for Junior Squads. (FAB, December 1962)

1963

Junior Emergency Crew for Southside
"The Southside Virginia Emergency Crew has moved to form a 15-man Junior Crew to be made up of boys from 15 to 21."
(FAB, July 1963)

1963 Convention Breakdown

692 Registered at \$8.00 per person
728 attended Banquet @ \$4.00 per person
Saturday Night Orchestra was paid \$225
Total Expenses: \$6,421
(FAB, February 1964)

VARS to Sponsor Miss Universe Pageant?
Representative of Miss Universe Pageant in Virginia met with the state officers to discuss sponsorship. The officers declined the offer.
(correspondence)

Convention BOG Minutes, September 1963
46 squads were represented at the Convention in Richmond. Kimball Glass reported on plans for the "rescue squad school and need to meet with the State Department of Education on funding." Kimball had met with Mr. Moore, Civil Defense Director about state wide communications network for VARS.

The Board of Governors approved:
The report of Re-Districting Committee chaired by Bill Meadows that the Association be divided into seven (7) districts.

A resolution: That the BOG shall elevate any member who it deems has rendered a great service to the Association to the status of a Life Member.

A resolution: That all applications for membership in the VARS be a volunteer organization and that no charges be made for their services.

Albemarle Rescue Squad

The name was officially changed to Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, Inc. (FAB, Sept 1963)

District 5 Organized

An organizational meeting was held on October 20th with five crews present. K. W. Jamerson, Captain of Appomattox, was elected District VP.

1964

Charlottesville-Albemarle Dedication

A dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 3 for new headquarters. The new building cost \$90,000. (FAB, April 1964)

Rescue Squad Week

Governor Albertis S. Harrison, Jr. signed a proclamation declaring May 16-23 as Rescue Squad Week in Virginia. (FAB, May 1964)

Monelison Rescue Squad, located in Amherst County began operations on August 15, 1964.

Spring BOG Minutes, May 9, 1964

Current membership of 85 squads.

President Kimball Glass reported on plans for Rescue School to be located in Lynchburg. Bill Meadows was appointed as chairman of the Rescue School Committee.

Convention BOG Minutes,

September 25-26, 1964

Bill Meadows reported on State Ambulance School to be held on October 24 at MCV.

President Glass reported that 5.5 acres had been donated to VARS by the City of Lynchburg for a Rescue School.

Julian Wise was approved as Life Member with "apology from the group for not having received the recognition sooner."

1965

Spring BOG Minutes, April 3, 1965

Extensive discussions were held on the use of blinking lights on private vehicles and the use of red lights or blue lights on emergency vehicles.

Virgil Rutherford reported on the plans for a statewide training school in Lynchburg.

Cost for the Convention Banquet will be \$3.85 per person.

Convention BOG Minutes, September 1965

The Convention was held in Natural Bridge.

Dunlap Fire & Rescue was approved for membership in the Association.

BOG voted to extend the Convention from 2 days to 2 ½ days beginning in 1966.



Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad

1966

VARS Plans Training School

Reported that Kimball Glass has obtained a tract of land in Lynchburg to locate a training school. (FAB, July 1966)

Hellman Appointed to Safety Commission

"Si S. Hellman, VARS Chief Rescue Officer, is one of 19 persons appointed recently by Governor Mills E. Godwin to a new commission to develop a long range highway safety program for Virginia. Hellman, 50, is a native of Chester, South Carolina and is presently a resident of Colonial Heights. He served as coordinator of civil defense for the City of Colonial Heights from 1954 to 1960." (FAB, July 1966)

Jarvis Named Association Training Officer
"Clay B. "Monk" Jarvis, Sr. of Petersburg has been appointed as Training Officer for the state association. Jarvis, 55, is a charter member of the Southside Virginia Emergency Crew in Petersburg. Jarvis is a qualified instructor and graduate of the Civil Defense School in Olney, Maryland." (FAB, July 1966)

Spring BOG Minutes, May 14, 1966
Strasburg, Highland County, and Waverly were approved for membership in the Association.

Association fund balance on May 15, 1966 was \$7,618.

Convention BOG Minutes, Sept 29, 1966
The Convention was held at the Hotel Roanoke with 56 squads represented.

"Vice President, Carl Gallahan urged all members to move and work together in building the Training School in Lynchburg. He stated that this School should receive top priority in future plans ..."

An emergency resolution to allow the present treasurer to be made eligible to serve another term was defeated.

A resolution that the personnel of a crew that is a member of the VARS shall not use red lights, flashing or otherwise on private vehicles was referred to the bylaws committee for report at the next Board meeting.

Life membership was approved for O. P. Schilling of Clearbrook and David Porter, Jr. of Forest View.

Applications for membership were approved from: Monelison, Callao, and Bluefield.

1967

Spring BOG Minutes, May 12, 1967
The meeting was held in Lynchburg with 50 squads represented.

As of May 8, 1967 cash assets of the Association were \$11,806.

Applications for membership were approved from: Madison County and Woodstock.

O. P. McCauley was approved as Life Member.

Convention BOG Minutes,
September 28 – 30, 1967
The Convention was held in Virginia Beach.

Applications for membership were approved from: Marshall, Blacksburg, and Big Island.

Forrest David Porter, Jr. Memorial Trophy, donated by Forest View, is to be presented to the squad with the highest total points in first aid contest and equipment judging at the Convention.

Kimball Glass gave a report on the proposed training school in Lynchburg. He presented architectural drawings and a blueprint of the proposed administrative building and training tower. Estimated cost of the project is \$197,000.

1968

Virginia Ambulance Law
The Virginia Ambulance Law is passed and establishes the state's authority to regulate ambulances, verify first aid training, and issue permits.

Brunswick County Rescue Squad
"A rescue squad that will serve central Brunswick County was officially created on Monday night. F. Earl Williams is serving as chairman of the rescue squad organization.
(Richmond Times Dispatch, August 1, 1968)

District 7 Meeting – (State Training School)
Kimball Glass reported on the lifesaving training school being built in Lynchburg. He said the proposed facility will cost about \$135,000. The school will include a dormitory classrooms building which would house up to 50 trainees for a week. Bill Baker is the chairman of the Finance Committee for this special project.

(FAB, September 1968)

The Prince Edward County Rescue Squad will officially begin operations tonight (December 31, 1968) with 28 members.

(Richmond News Leader, December 31, 1968)

Spring BOG Meeting, May 4, 1968

The meeting was held at Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad.

Tom Crowder and Si Hellman were elected Life Members.

The State Health Department requested a nominee to represent the Association on the Advisory Committee for Emergency Medical Services.



Strasburg Rescue Squad, 1968

1969

Local Squad Officers for the year included: Tommy Reekes, President of Manchester; Gordon Watson, Captain of Roanoke Life Saving; George Branch, Captain of Waverly; and O. C. Baynes, Captain, Halifax.

East Hanover Rescue Squad began operations on July 1. Its members had worked six months to organize. About \$2,300 had been solicited along with rescue equipment. Twenty-nine men completed the first aid course. Squad president is Otis L. Hall. (Richmond Times Dispatch, July 7, 1969)

Southside Emergency Crew, Petersburg dedicated their new headquarters building on December 8, 1968. (FAB, Feb 1969)

Lynchburg Life Saving Crew celebrated its 35th Anniversary. The Crew was organized on March 26, 1934. (FAB, March 1969)

Virginia Heart Association CPR Training
President Bill Baker nominated Marvin R. Hines to serve on the Virginia Heart Association CPR Committee. (Marvin later was hired as the first Director of CPR Training for the Virginia Heart Association.) (FAB, March 1969)

The Auxiliary Eastern District approved the creation of Northeastern and Southeastern Districts effective at the 1969 Convention.

(FAB, April 1969)

The Gladys Emergency Crew changed its name to Citizens Emergency Crew effective October 1, 1969. (FAB, October 1969)

Spring BOG Meeting, May 10, 1969

Gretna, King William, and Lorton approved for membership in the Association.

Proposal to make Chief Rescue Officer elected was tabled until the Convention.

Sterling Rescue Squad building destroyed by fire and all but two vehicles were lost.

Convention BOG Meeting

August 22, 1969

Despite considerable discussion and opposition, the BOG approved a change that the position of Chief Rescue Officer be elective position and not appointed.

BOG voted 52 to 3 to expel the Alexandria Rescue Squad due to the squad having paid members.



Danville Life Saving Crew vehicle, 1969

1970

First Volunteer Paramedic Program

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad starts the nation's first volunteer paramedic program under Dr. Richard Crampton. One of their first patients was President Lyndon Johnson, who suffered a heart attack while visiting his son-in-law Chuck Robb.

Special BOG Meeting

February 7, 1970

The special meeting of the BOG was held at Forest View Rescue Squad in Richmond. The meeting was called to make a decision on the proposed Training School in Lynchburg. After considerable discussion, a motion was approved to drop all plans for the school.

Spring BOG Meeting, May 2, 1970

Applications for membership were approved from: Brunswick County, Coles District, Ashcake, Paint Bank, Ivor, and Gloucester.

BOG Meeting

September 24, 1970

Applications for membership were approved from: Dinwiddie County, Roseland, Central Middlesex and Shenandoah.

1971

V. Howard Ford, Charter Vice President of the Association and Charter Member of Lynchburg Life Saving Crew died on June 24, 1971.

(FAB, July 1971)

The Auxiliary voted to split the Western District into Western and West Central Districts effective in September. (FAB, July 1971)

The newly organized District 9 held its first meeting on November 13th. Joe Snead of Washington County Life Saving Crew is the District VP. (FAB, December 1971)

Spring BOG Meeting, May 15, 1971

The 1971 Convention Committee was composed of: Bill Baker, Chairman; "Monk" Jarvis, Rescue Contest; Bill Johnson, First Aid Contest; Ken Morgan, Equipment Judging; and "Buddy" Phillips, Exhibitors.

Applications for membership were approved from: Stuarts Draft, Bennett's Creek, Chase City, and Broadway.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 24, 1971

Applications for membership were approved from: Broadway, Luray, Chatham, and Charlotte County.



Chatham Rescue Squad, December 1971

1972

Ed Whisman, Pulaski County, Life Member and past District 7 Vice President died on October 7, 1971. (FAB, March 1972)

Officers Meeting, January 15, 1972
President Phillips asked that the officers consider the possibility of establishing an office for the Association.

Spring BOG Meeting, May 13, 1972
Reported that the General Assembly approved "RS" license plates for squad members vehicles.

Applications for membership were approved from: Brookneal, Goochland County, Concord, Craigsville-Augusta Springs, Elkton, Centerville, Huddleston, Hadensville-Fife, Montvale, Phoebus, Prince George, and Virginia Tech.

C. B. "Monk" Jarvis was elected to Life Membership.

Westmoreland County Rescue Squad
"The driver of a Westmoreland County Rescue Squad vehicle was killed and five other persons were injured in an accident."
(Richmond Times Dispatch, September 29, 1972)

Convention BOG Meeting
September 28-30, 1972
Applications for membership were approved from: Long Shop-McCoy, and Stony Creek.

Harvey Gates, "Buddy" Phillips, and Lonnie Brand were elected to Life Membership.

1973

Bristol Life Saving Anniversary
Bristol Life Saving Crew celebrated 25th Anniversary in November of 1972 with dedication of new headquarters building.
(FAB, January 1973)

Roanoke Life Saving Auxiliary
Mrs. H. R. Harris was installed as president of the newly formed auxiliary to the Roanoke Life Saving Crew. "The objective of the auxiliary is to render any and all assistance to the crew whenever needed." (FAB, January 1973)

Auxiliary Member, Judy Sawyer
Powhatan Auxiliary member, Judy Sawyer, died on March 17, 1973. She was also active as officer of WAVAVRS.

Spring BOG Meeting, May 12, 1973
Lonnie Brand of Henrico has been appointed Surplus Property Officer of the Association to coordinate availability of military surplus property.

EMS Advisory Committee met to set minimum standards for ambulance equipment.

Applications for membership were approved from: Prince Edward County and Round Hill.

Bennett's Creek Building Dedication
Former Governor, Mills Godwin was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Bennett's Creek Rescue Squad building. (FAB, July 1973)

Convention BOG Meeting
September 27-29, 1973
Dues increased to \$2 per member per squad.

Herman Whorley and Virgil Rutherford were approved as Life Members.

Officers Meeting, December 1, 1973
Si Hellman from Office of EMS reported on the possibility of gas rationing in the state and impact on emergency service agencies.

EMT Lay Instructor Course will begin with courses taking place at 9 community colleges throughout the state.

1974

Convention BOG Meeting

September 5-7, 1974

Resolution on Creation of State Office:

"Be it resolved that: VAVRS go on record to accept and pursue the establishment of an Executive Secretary and his office within the VAVRS based upon recommendation submitted by the Executive Secretary Steering Committee to the VAVRS Executive Board which consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the two immediate past presidents. Approved Unanimously."

Applications for membership were approved from: Lovettsville, Hunton, and Chesapeake Beach

Motion to approve Associate Membership was tabled for further study.

1975

May 1975, Name of Association changed to Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads.

Spring BOG Meeting, May 3, 1975

The Spring BOG meeting was held at John Lewis Junior High School in Staunton.

Virgil Rutherford reported that a bill had been prepared to request state funding for VAVRS but had been withheld due to financial position of the state. A bill will be introduced in 1976.

Applications for membership were approved from: Dickenson County, Princess Anne,

Bridgewater, White Sulphur Springs, Floyd County, Snow Creek, and Spotsylvania.

Emergency Resolution presented by Parliamentarian, P. T. Barfield to include the word "Volunteer" in the name of the Association. Motion Approved and motion to submit application to the State Corporation Commission to change the name also approved.

Bennie Rice, of Buena Vista was elected Chaplain at the 1974 Convention. Mr. Rice died within weeks of the Convention. At the Spring BOG meeting, Lewis McCormick of Buena Vista was elected to fill the remaining term as Chaplain.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 25-27, 1975

The 1975 Convention was held at the Hotel John Marshall in Richmond. Over 1880 registered for the meeting. Senate candidate John Warner and his wife Elizabeth Taylor attended the Friday night parade and dance at the Coliseum.

John Marshall Hotel rates were \$18.50 Single or \$24.50 Double. (FAB, May 1975)

Applications for membership were approved from: Wise County – Big Stone Gap Unit, Wise County – Norton Unit, Wise County – Wise Unit, Wise County – Appalachian Unit, Wise County – Coeburn Unit, Bland County, Onancock, Warrenton, New River Valley.

A resolution was approved to divide District 4 into two districts. I-81 corridor squads to remain in District 4 and squads along the I-95 corridor to be in new District 10.

"All present and future crews are required to render 365/366 days 24 hours per day service. All members shall obtain an American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and/or EMT

card within twelve (12) months." Approved.

Until a bylaw change in 1976, nominations for office were allowed on Saturday morning, prior to the elections being held. When the nominations were reopened, Jim McKinney was nominated for president, and Buddy Dryman was nominated for vice president. Neither was elected.

State Officers Meeting

December 6, 1975

Motion approved that the Association actively pursue the establishment of the Office of the Executive Secretary. A second motion authorized the Executive Committee to write the guidelines for pursuit of the office.



East Hanover Rescue Squad,
1975 Crew Converted Carryall

1976

State Funds Approved

Through the efforts of State Representative "Bunny" Gunn of Lexington, the first \$50,000 appropriation to the Association was included in the State of Virginia budget. This allowed the Association to move forward with opening an office and hiring the first Executive Director.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 3, 1976

The Spring BOG was held at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke.

Approved a bylaw addition to authorize hiring of Executive Secretary, creation of Executive Committee, and creation of Nominating Committee.

L. Perry Hyde, MD was elected as Medical Advisor to replace Tracey O'Hanlan who resigned due to health issues.

It was announced that Editor Jack Adams had resigned and F. B. Wilhoit of Virginia Beach was elected to the position of Editor.

Jim Barlow was elected District 4 VP due to the resignation of Alvin Lynn.

Paul Newton was elected Historian to replace Harold Hayslette who had resigned due to job relocation.

Hotel room rates at Hotel Roanoke for 1975 Convention will be \$24 single, and \$29 double.

Applications for membership were approved from: West Point, and Blackwater.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 23 - 26, 1976

Executive Committee recommended and the BOG approved C. B. Jarvis as Training Officer Emeritus and Kimball Glass as Rescue Officer Emeritus.

Applications for membership were approved from: King & Queen, Lake of the Woods, New Market, Matthews, Remington, and Stewartsville.

Motion to increase dues to \$3.00 per member, subscription to \$2.00, and convention registration to \$15.00 was approved.

Employment of Rob Logan as Executive Secretary was approved.

State Office Open for Business

After many years of planning and discussions, in October 1976, the State Office opened for business. The first space was rented in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building on Staples Mill Road in Richmond.

1977

State Officers Meeting, March 5, 1977

Rob Logan resigned as Executive Secretary on February 15th. Carol Chambers, Office Manager became the only staff member until 1982.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 2, 1977

Applications for membership were approved from: Bassett, Courtland, Goochland #5, Nelson County, Deerfield, and Purcellville.

Senger Award

Guidelines were approved for the newly created Harlan Senger Award to be given for the most heroic deed, above and beyond the call of duty, performed by an individual in the saving of a human life. The first award will be presented at the 1977 Convention.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 22-24, 1977

BOG approved bylaw change to increase membership dues to \$5 per member.

BOG approved bylaw change to include Individual, Associate, and Sustaining membership categories.

1978

Spring BOG Meeting, April 1, 1978

Approved bylaw changes to Life Member section that gave Life Members free registration to the Convention.

Reported on passage of Senate Bill #392 that allocated \$500,000 to the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrations were held in Roanoke on May 27th during Rescue Squad Week to recognize the anniversary of the rescue movement in Virginia.

Executive Meeting, July 29, 1978

Life Member Breakfast at the Convention will again be sponsored by Gaulding-Willet Insurance.

1978 Convention in Roanoke

Hotel room rates, \$31 Single, \$36 Double.

Convention Committee Chairs included Robert Balsley, Equipment Judging; Gary Lautenschlager, First Aid Contest; and Warren Winner, Registration.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 21-23, 1978

Applications for membership were approved from: Sperryville, and Cedar Run.

Approved contract with Virginia Publisher's Wing to publish the Bulletin at no cost to the Association. They will sell and collect all advertising for the publication.

Emergency Squad, Inc Changes Name

Emergency Squad, Inc., Crewe will become Nottoway County Emergency Squad.

1978 State Convention Contest Winners included: Rescue Contest, First Place to Washington County; First Aid Contest, First Place to Southside-South Hill; and EVOC First Place to Doug Lee of East Hanover.

1979

Local Squad Officers for the year included:

Bill Dodgion, Captain, Monelison; Larry Rhodes, Captain, Southside Emergency; John Berry, Captain, Washington County; Darrell Poole, Captain, Fairfield; and Bob Leech, President, Glasgow.

Rescue Squad Assistance Fund
The first grants were made to 23 squads from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 7, 1979
The Spring BOG Meeting was held in Clifton Forge.

The 1980 Convention hotel room rate at the Hotel Roanoke will be \$33 Single and \$38 Double.

Activity Report for 1978: 196 squads in 10 districts. 165 squads reported 195,788 calls for 1978 and 5,236,678 miles traveled.

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes
September 27 - 29, 1979
Applications for membership were approved from: Buckingham and Haydensville.

Kelly Walters, Bill Kidd and Ken Morgan were elected to Life Membership.

1978-79 Activity Reports
Summary for 1978-79 shows 179 squads reporting 222,524 calls answered, over 5.5 million miles traveled, and over 1.3 million hours served.

1980

Tuckahoe Discontinues Resident Dispatchers
The Tuckahoe Squad in west Richmond has discontinued their resident dispatcher program. The plan originated with the creation of the squad in 1953, and provided living accommodations for two resident dispatchers, usually students from the University of Richmond. They answered the squad emergency phones at night and dispatched the crews. Past VAVRS president, Ken Morgan served as one of the resident dispatchers from 1967 to 1970.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 12, 1980
First Place Rescue Trophy to be named the "C.B. "Monk" Jarvis Memorial Award."

Raymond Therien Award was discontinued. First awarded in 1960, the plaque was given annually to the winner of the state association first aid competition. Ray Therien was killed in the ambulance while responding to a call.

Becky Godwin Trophy discontinued.

Convention BOG Meeting
September 18-20, 1980
2100 preregistered for the Convention with 102 First Aid Teams registered to compete, 35 rescue teams, and 60 vehicles.

Buster Green reported that the association has membership of 204 squads.

Applications for membership were approved from: Virginia Tech, Fieldale-Collinsville, and Rock Hill.

Monthly publication name changed from "First Aid Bulletin" to "Virginia Lifeline"

Motion to change contest judging from first aid to EMT was defeated on vote of 50 to 48. (required 2/3 for approval)

1981

Spring BOG Meeting, April 4, 1981
Membership consists of 209 active squads.

Legislative Chairman reported that additional \$500,000 was approved by General Assembly for Rescue Squad Assistance fund.

First Aid Bulletin Becomes Virginia Lifeline Effective January 1981.

After several earlier attempts failed, the BOG approved the change in Convention contests from first aid to EMT.

Applications for membership were approved from: Western Albemarle Rescue Squad, Blackwater Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Windsor Volunteer Rescue Squad, Hamilton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Kenbridge Emergency Squad, Fincastle Rescue Squad, and Ridgeway Rescue Squad.

Revolving Trophies Retired

At the Spring 1981 BOG meeting, the decision was made to retire a number of revolving annual trophies due to the worn condition of the trophies. Prior to 1981,

F. D. Porter, Jr. Memorial Award was presented by Forest View to the overall points winner at the Convention.

O.C. Baynes Memorial Award was presented by Halifax County Life Saving Crew to the First Place Rescue Contest winner.

B. T. Pitts Memorial Award was presented by the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad to the squad with most outstanding promotion of safety.

L. D. Staton Memorial Award was presented by the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew for the outstanding first aid call of the year.

E. D. "Buck" Hook Memorial Award presented by Lynchburg Life Saving Crew for the outstanding rescue call of the year.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 24-26, 1981

Approved Capron, Parksley, Hardy, J.E.B. Stuart, Abbs Valley, Lead Mines for membership in the Association bringing total membership to 217 squads.

BOG approved a motion to support creation of a Rescue Hall of Fame in the Roanoke area.

VAVRS Office Location

State Office lease in the Blue Cross Building on Staples Mill Road expired on October 31, 1981. Office relocated to 2120 Staples Mill Road.

Bensley Member Killed in Line of Duty

On November 8, Bensley-Bermuda responded to an auto accident. An intoxicated driver hit and killed squad member Pat Mason. Pat was only 22 years old and had been a member of the squad only 6 months. Over 500 attended the funeral. (FAB, December 1981)

1982

Convention BOG Meeting

September 23-25, 1982

Approved Northampton, Glade Hill, Carroll County, and Red Valley for membership in the Association.

Office Manager Changes

Lil Fahnestock hired as Office Manager in November 1982 to replace Carol Chambers who resigned on September 26 at the State Officers Meeting. Carol was hired in 1976 when the office was opened. (Lifeline, December 1982)

1983

"One for Life" Program

"One for Life" law is passed in Virginia. This law assesses one dollar from each motor vehicle license and replaces all other state funding for emergency medical services. This provides funds to each city and county in Virginia and substantially increases support for regional EMS Councils, Rescue Squad Assistance Fund and EMT instructors.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 2, 1983

Applications for membership were approved from: Rustburg, Troutdale, Catawba-Mason's Cove, Blue Ridge, Round Hill, Lee County, and Neersville for membership in the Association.

Approved bylaw change to require all officers of the Association to be active members of a local squad.

1983 Convention

The 1983 Convention committee included J. C. Phillips, Chairman; Carey Harvey Cutter, Co-Chairman; Page Entsminger, Registration; Richard Nugent, Rescue Contest; Vernon Wilson, Equipment Judging. Convention attendance was 2,276.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 22-24, 1983

Applications for membership were approved from: Shenandoah, Greene County, Holly Grove, and Dale City.

1984

Spring BOG Meeting

April 7, 1984

Approved Blue Ridge, Mountainview, and Upper Lancaster for membership in the Association.

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes

September 27 – 29, 1984

50th Anniversary Convention

Applications for membership were approved from: Snow Creek and Russell County.

Added Legislative Committee to the Association bylaws.

Manchester Rescue Squad

Manchester Rescue Squad held 30th Anniversary celebration on June 16, 1984.

1985

Spring BOG Meeting Minutes

March 30, 1985

Association budget for 1985-86 approved at \$69,825.

Motion to not allow smoking in BOG meetings was defeated.

Lexington Life Saving 50th Anniversary was celebrated on May 18th.

Forest View Rescue Squad held a 30th anniversary celebration on July 6, 1985 with a parade and competition.

Death of Founder Julian Wise

Julian Wise died on July 22, 1985

Executive Committee Meeting

September 26, 1985

The VAVRS Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Garry Clatterbuck at 6:30 AM. Carey Harvey Cutter, 1985 Convention Chairman, stated that the City of Virginia Beach had upgraded the weather status from Hurricane Watch to Hurricane Warning at 6:00 AM this date. This gave the City the authority to proceed with evacuation as necessary. The City advised that we cancel our convention and that our people leave the area.

A motion was made that the Executive Committee abide by the advice of the Virginia Beach City Officials and cancel the 1985 Convention." (Va Lifeline, November 1985)

BOG Meeting, Mini-Convention,
October 18-20, Staunton

The City of Roanoke proposes to establish a Rescue Squad Museum and Hall of Fame, with the VAVRS being an active partner.

Association membership at 238 squads

Approved Elkton, Pipers Gap, Victoria, and Dickenson County for membership in the Association with total membership of 238 squads.



Kempsville Volunteer Rescue Squad
Crash Truck

1986

Virginia Life Saving Rescue Museum and Hall of Fame

The Virginia Rescue Hall of Fame will be included as a part of the "To The Rescue" Museum being developed in Roanoke. Applications from Association members will be submitted to a selection committee appointed by VAVRS.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 5, 1986

Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame solicited nominations for recognition. Application fee of \$250. BOG voted to submit application in the name of Julian S. Wise.

Convention BOG Meeting,
September 27, 1986

Convention opening speaker was Rev. Jerry Falwell.

Approved Haysi, Brooke, James City, Wintergreen, Bloxon, and Widewater for membership in the Association.

Bylaw change approved to give Life Members vote at BOG meetings.

State Office relocated to 1904 Byrd Avenue in Richmond.

Waynesboro First Aid Squad voted to assume responsibility for ambulance service for the city. Three local funeral directors had earlier announced they would disband ambulance operations after December 31. The first aid crew has 30 volunteer members

(Richmond News Leader, November 30, 1986)

1987

Local Squad Officers for 1987 included: Pat Counts, Captain, Salem; John Peters, President, Kempsville; Bill Akers, Captain, Lebanon; Claude Cobler, Captain, Bassett; and "Mac" McGuire, President, Forest View.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 4, 1987

Motion approved to join with the Roanoke Valley Historical Society and finance \$8,000 for the beginning of the museum at Center in the Square.

The Association budget for 1987-88 was \$201,665.

1989

Rescue Squad Week

Governor Gerald Baliles continued the tradition of recognizing Virginia Rescue Squad Week, May 21-28, 1989. Present for the signing of the proclamation were VAVRS President Carroll Hawkes, Auxiliary President Brenda Hargrave, Lill Fahnstock, and John Schoeb, Jr.

1990

Virginia Lifeline Ceases Publication

Members were advised that Virginia Publishers Wing had ceased operations due to lack of advertising sales to support the publication of the VAVRS monthly newsletter.

Executive Committee Meeting,
January 27, 1990

Motion that VAVRS join the Hall of Fame as a
Charter Member and pay the \$2,500 fee.

Spring BOG Meeting, April 7, 1990

Bylaws amended to allow members of VAVRS
to charge for services.

Association Training Courses

As of April, 1990 the Association had 16 courses
available. The courses are:

EVOC

Hazardous Materials

Vehicle Extrication

Basic and Light Rescue

Basic Rescue Technician

Vertical Rescue

Heavy Duty Rescue

Cave Rescue

Confined Space Rescue

Farm Machinery

PADI Advanced Open Water

Search and Rescue

Intro to Swift Water Rescue

Swift Water Rescue 2

Squad Management

Auxiliary Management

(BOG minutes, April 7, 1990)

Two for Life Approved

State funding for EMS through the Two-for-Life Program was approved by the General Assembly. The program increased the motor vehicle registration fee from one to two dollars earmarked for EMS.

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes

September 27-29, 1990

Budget for 1991 of \$421,700 was approved.

Approved Hall of Fame guidelines that limited inductees to members of a rescue squad that is a member of the Association and limited inductees to five per year.



Harrisonburg Rescue Squad
Rescue 40 Crash Truck

1991

Local Squad Officers for 1991 included Tommy Woods, Captain, Hopewell Emergency Crew; John Fray, President, Madison County Rescue Squad; Greg Sleboda, President, Troutville Rescue Squad; and Joey Phillips, President, Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad.

(Lifeline, Spring 1991)

Governor's EMS Awards

Award winners for 1990 included Salem Volunteer Rescue Squad as the Outstanding EMS Agency; and Joe Howard of Hampton as Outstanding EMT provider.

(Lifeline, Spring 1991)

Spring BOG Meeting, April 6, 1991

"To the Rescue" Museum to have grand opening on June 8, 1991.

Executive Meeting Minutes, June 8, 1991

Officers voted to discontinue the Lifeline publication effective June 30th. Smaller version of the publication continued to be distributed by the Association.

Convention BOG Meeting,

September 19-21, 1991

2,203 preregistered for the Convention

1992

Spring BOG Meeting, April 4, 1992
Page Entsminger recognized as Outstanding EMT Instructor of the Year.

Bridgewater Rescue Squad named Outstanding EMS Agency of the Year.

BOG supported plans reported by Kevin Dillard for a ceremony to recognize those EMS personnel on a national level that died in the "line of duty".

Convention BOG Meeting
September 24-26, 1992
Convention Registration, 2385

Reported that Association membership is now 282 squads and 59 Auxiliaries.

Approved White Sulphur Springs, Cedar Run, Linden, Lake Jackson, Burkeville, and Horsepasture for membership in the Association.

Death in Line of Duty

The Executive Committee approved plans for a ceremony to be held in May 1993 to recognize EMS personnel that die in the line of duty. Kevin Dillard was appointed chairman of the committee.

1993

Spring BOG Meeting, April 3-4, 1993
Reported that Association membership is now 284 squads.

First Annual EMS Memorial Service held in Roanoke.

1994

Executive Meeting
September 29 and October 2, 1994
2,391 preregistered for the Convention

Past Presidents dinner will become regular event sponsored by Chesterfield Insurers.

To The Rescue Exhibit
Contract with Roanoke History Museum expires in August 1994 and exhibit must be moved to another location.

1995

Spring BOG Meeting Minutes
April 1-2, 1995
Ron Brubeck and L. E. Phillips, Jr. voted into the Rescue Hall of Fame.

"To The Rescue" exhibit must move from downtown Roanoke by May 31, 1995.

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes
September 22, 1995
2387 registered for Convention

Approved purchase of 2.6 acres for State Office in Oilville Business Park.

To The Rescue Museum
Effective July 1995, the exhibits will be moved to Tanglewood Mall. Roanoke County provided a \$75,000 non cash credit to the Mall for a three year lease. The Julian Wise Foundation continued to solicit long term donors for the Museum.

Virginia Beach Rescue Squad moved into its new home on 17th Street. The city donated 1.4 acres of land and assisted with site work. The construction cost almost \$2,000,000 and was raised by members of the squad advisory board. The building houses the squads nine rescue vehicles and includes a 150 seat auditorium.



Buena Vista Rescue Squad Ambulance

1996

Lonnie Brand Honored by State Senate

On March 9, the Virginia State Senate Resolution #19 commended Lonnie for his unselfish dedication to the rescue movement in the State of Virginia. Lonnie served as Association Legislative Chairman for many years. (Lifeline, May 1996)

Spring BOG Meeting, April 13-14, 1996

Reported that the Association had purchased 2.6 acres for State Office in Oilville Business Park at cost of \$61,154.

Convention BOG Meeting

September 26-28, 1996

Kevin Dillard and Dr. JoAnn Lapetina serving on EMS Advisory Board representing VAVRS.

1997

Convention BOG Meeting

September 25-27, 1997

1997 Convention, 2257 registered

Kevin Dillard reported that VAVRS was receiving 2.5%, or approximately \$260,000, of the Two-for-Life Program. Efforts are being made to increase the program to Four-for-Life.

Dahlgren Rescue Squad

Dahlgren Rescue Squad lost their building and crash truck due to a fire.

EMS Memorial Service

Over 700 persons attended the 5th National EMS Memorial Service honoring the memory of providers who died in the line of duty. Twenty three providers from across the state were remembered at the service. (Lifeline, May 1997)

Groundbreaking for Office

Over 250 attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the State Office Building on Sunday, July 20, 1997. Jim Cox of Buena Vista chaired the building committee. (Lifeline, July 1997)

EMS Award of Excellence

Kevin Dillard of Fredericksburg has received the 1997 Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS. (Lifeline, Jan 1998)

1998

Spring BOG Meeting, April 4, 1998

Move to new building completed on February 28, 1998.

Hunton Life Saving Crew

The Hunton Life Saving Crew was the first all black volunteer rescue squad in the country. Formed in 1941, many of the members were employees of the N&W railroad. Alexander Terrell, an ambulance driver for the N&W is credited with founding the squad. Originally the members responded in their personal vehicles. The Hunton YMCA served as the group's first headquarters. In 1964, the group purchased their first headquarters building. In 1987, the squad ceased operations after failing to recruit enough members to keep the squad alive. (Lifeline, Jan 1998)

State Office Dedication

The State Office Headquarters dedication will be held on Saturday, May 30th. The headquarters is a 6400 square foot two story building, which features offices, conference room, and grand lobby on the main floor. Training room,

storage area and 2 bay garage on the lower level. The building is constructed on 2.6 acres of land purchased in 1996. The total cost of the project was just under \$600,000. (Lifeline, May 1998)

Governor's EMS Awards

Award winners for 1998 included: Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad as Outstanding EMS Agency; Frank Cheatham, East Hanover Rescue Squad as Outstanding Prehospital Provider; and Ivor Rescue Squad for Outstanding EMS Call. (Lifeline, Mar/Apr 1999)

EMS Exchange Program

John Burruss, Dayton Haugh, Jeff Vaughn, and Jim Wagner traveled to Germany in July as part of the EMS Exchange Program.

1998 State Convention Contest Winners included: EMT Contest, First Place to Southside-Petersburg; ALS Contest, First Place to Danville; and EVOC First Place to David Vest of Westvaco.

1999

Volunteer Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund approved by the General Assembly and establishes a retirement fund for volunteer rescue squad workers. The plan will provide all interested rescue squad workers with the opportunity to earn and receive a pension for their service to the Commonwealth.

(Lifeline, Jan/Feb 2000)

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes

September 23-25, 1999

Approved budget of \$537,396 for the coming year.

1998-99 Activity Reports

Summary for 1998-99 shows 319 squads reporting 529,310 calls answered, over 8 million miles traveled, and over 4 million hours served by just under 10,000 volunteer members.

Death of Lonnie Brand

Long time legislative committee chair, Lonnie Brand passed away on November 15, 1999. Lonnie was a charter member of Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad. He served as volunteer lobbyist for the Association and worked on passage to the Two-for-Life program.

2000

Governor's EMS Awards

Award winners for 2000 included Virginia Tech Rescue Squad as the Outstanding EMS Agency; Scott Chandler from Onancock for Excellence in EMS; and Pat Ivey of Lake of the Woods as Outstanding Prehospital EMS provider.

(Lifeline, Jan/Feb 2001)

Spring BOG Meeting, April 8, 2000

DeeDee Height, Manassas; Ingrid Bolden, Luray; and Lynn Balaaj, Christiansburg selected to participate in the EMS Exchange Program with Germany.

2001

EMS Exchange Program

Four members of the German Red Cross will attend the 2001 VAVRS Convention. They will be in Virginia for a two week tour of EMS agencies. This is the 6th year of the Exchange Program. (Lifeline, July/Aug 2001)

2002

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes

September 26-28, 2002

1987 registered for Convention and 158 BOG representatives.

VAVRS Administrative Assistant, Lil Fahnstock retires in November.

4 for Life Bill Approved

The Virginia General Assembly approved the increase in vehicle license fees to support emergency medical services in the Commonwealth. (Lifeline, March/April 2002)

Callao Rescue Squad constructs new building at cost of \$400,000. (Lifeline, March/April 2002)

Loudoun County Rescue Celebrates 50th Anniversary. The squad was formed on September 7, 1952. (Lifeline, Sept/Oct 2002)

2003

Meherrin Volunteer Fire and Rescue became a member of the Association. The Meherrin squad serves portions of Prince Edward, Charlotte, and Lunenburg counties. (Lifeline, March/April 2003)

Convention BOG Meeting Minutes

September 25-27, 2003

Van Ambulance category eliminated from equipment judging competition.

Applications for membership were approved from: New Hope, Mt. Hermon, Ringgold, Chancellor, and Jefferson Park.

Ed Rhodes hired as VAVRS lobbyist.

2004

Bensley-Bermuda 50th Anniversary

Bensley-Bermuda celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a banquet in January.

Virginia Tech Rescue Squad announced its purchase of a new \$90,000 ambulance after approval by the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund for 80% of the funding. The remainder of the funds were obtained from on-campus organizations. VTRS is the second collegiate squad established in the United States and was founded in 1969. (Lifeline, March 2004)

Fred Weymouth, II, VAVRS Honorary Member, President of Chesterfield Insurers, and long time supporter of the Association died on May 15, 2004. (Lifeline, May 2004)

Spring BOG Meeting, April 3, 2004

To reduce expenses, the BOG voted to eliminate the Friday Night Social at the Convention

Lynchburg Life Saving Crew celebrated their 70th Anniversary.

2005

Grants to Upgrade Radio Systems

Governor Mark Warner announced that the state was allocating \$2.16 million in federal funding to support communications projects. Twenty localities benefited from the grants. (Lifeline, Mar/Apr 2005)

The BOG approved elimination of the Saturday night banquet at the 2005 Convention.

(Lifeline, May/June 2005)

2006

Britt Compton, VAVRS Life Member was recognized as Outstanding Pre Hospital Provider by the Virginia Office of EMS. (Lifeline Jan/Feb)

Dr. John A. Rawls, former VAVRS Medical Advisor from Mechanicsville died on December 31, 2005. (Lifeline Jan/Feb)

"To the Rescue" Museum located at Tanglewood Mall in Roanoke closed to the public on February 1, 2006. (Lifeline, March 2006)

Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad won the 2005 EMT Competition at the Convention. (Lifeline, May /June 2006)

Louisa County Rescue Squad celebrated its 50th Anniversary on November 1, 2006. The squad began training in November and began to answer calls on January 11, 1957. (Lifeline, July 2006)

Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad won the International Basic Life Support competition for the second year in a row at the International Rescue and Emergency Care Association Annual Conference in Puyallup, Washington. (Lifeline, September 2006)

Dahlgren Rescue Squad merged with King George Rescue Squad.

Convention BOG Meeting
September 28-30, 2006
Convention registration fee increased to \$75 per person beginning at 2007 Convention.

To The Rescue Museum ceased operation.

2007

State Office Open House held on May 12, 2007 to kickoff EMS week in Virginia.

Patrick Gary Mason Memorial ALS Scholarship was announced by Bensley-Bermuda Volunteer Rescue Squad to honor the memory of squad member Pat Mason who was killed in 1981 while responding on a rescue call. The scholarship will provide full funding for up to four members to attend an advanced life support training center. (Lifeline, July/Aug 2007)

Recruitment Trailer In early 2007 the Volunteer Rescue Squads of Virginia Beach Recruitment and Retention Team took delivery of a custom designed recruitment trailer. The 16-foot Pace Trailer and supporting equipment was purchased with a state RSAF grant and local funds. The trailer is being used throughout the Tidewater area. (Lifeline, July/Aug 2007)

2008

Convention BOG Meeting
September 25-27, 2008
1350 registered for Convention and 132 BOG representatives.

Covington Rescue Squad Celebrates 75 Years Service. Organized in November 1932 as a part of the Covington Fire Department, they are the third oldest crew in the state. Lloyd Steele served as the first captain of the First Aid Crew. The first ambulance was a 1934 converted Buick station wagon. In 1981, the first aid crew split from the fire department and began operations as the Covington Rescue Squad. (Lifeline, May/June 2008)

Henrico Rescue Squad celebrated its 57th Anniversary. Since 1951, the squad has been serving eastern Henrico County.

Bassett Rescue Squad Celebrates 50 Years Service. Organized in 1958, the squad originally shared a building with the fire department. The first vehicle was a 1953 panel truck that was converted to an ambulance. (Lifeline, Sept/Oct 2008)

Madison County Rescue Squad begins its 45th year of service in October 2008. The squad started with 25 members and a 1955 Pontiac station wagon ambulance. The first call was answered on November 29, 1963. (Lifeline, Nov/Dec 2008)

2008 State Convention Contest Winners included: EMT Contest, First Place to Stuarts Draft; ALS Contest, First Place to Washington County; EVOC First Place to David Vest of Westvaco.

2009

2008 Governor's EMS Awards included Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad for the Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding EMS Agency and Beth Addington, member of Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, as the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider. (Lifeline, January 2009)

Snapshot of Association Finances

The following information is taken from the annual report of the auditor or, in the early years, the report of the Treasurer. It is intended to briefly show the financial growth of the Association over the years.

Year	Income	Expenses
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As of December 31

2008	\$937,882	\$931,736
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2007	\$923,708	\$805,641
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2006	\$955,808	\$850,185
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2005	\$762,723	\$676,755
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1994	\$484,160	\$441,669
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As of July 31-

1988	\$186,122	\$178,912
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1985	\$200,787	\$182,076
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1984	\$173,146	\$155,327
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1983	\$167,995	\$153,407
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1982	\$160,281	\$145,206
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1980	\$133,631	\$106,142
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1979	\$111,579	\$ 92,738
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1976	\$ 66,844	\$ 72,097
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1974	\$ 60,434	\$ 53,961
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As of Sept

1963	\$ 12,162	\$ 9,229
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1961	\$ 8,445	\$ 5,756
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1959	\$ 5,554	\$ 4,350
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President Tommy Gill and Bulletin Editor, J. B. Taliaferro, Jr. look on as Governor J. Lindsay Almond, Jr. signs 1958 Rescue Squad Week Proclamation.

State of Virginia
Emergency Medical Services
Advisory Board Members
Representing VAVRS

From the original organization of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board in 1969, the Association was assured one seat on the Board. Members of the Association are nominated for official appointment by the Governor of Virginia. Since 1996, VAVRS has had two representatives on the EMS Board. In addition to the official representatives of the Association, several VAVRS members have served on the Board while representing other organizations.

Representatives:
Gary A. Dalton
Strasburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011

Edward B. "Bubby" Bish, Jr.
Southside Emergency Crew
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

Karen D. Wagner
Woodstock Rescue Squad
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2008
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2005

George W. Langford
Brooke Fire Safety Association
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2005
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002

Dr. Joanne Lapetina
Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad
July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2002
July 1, 1996 – June 30, 1999

Kevin L. Dillard
Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
July 1, 1996 – June 30, 1999
July 1, 1994 – June 30, 1996

R. Benny Summerlin, Jr.
Axton Life Saving Crew
July 1, 1992 – June 30, 1994
July 1, 1990 – June 30, 1992
July 1, 1988 – June 30, 1990

Garry H. Clatterbuck
Hopewell Emergency Crew
July 1, 1986 – June 30, 1988

O. E. "Buster" Green
Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad
July 1, 1984 – June 30, 1986
July 1, 1982 – June 30, 1984

A. Page Entsminger
Lexington Life Saving Crew
July 1, 1980 – June 30, 1982
March 1, 1979 – June 30, 1980

G. Kenneth Morgan
Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad
July 1, 1976 – February 21, 1979

Glenn H. Puhle
Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad
July 1, 1973- June 30, 1976

William H. Baker
Winchester Volunteer Rescue Squad
July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1973

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board was created by the State Department of Health in December 1969.

National EMS Memorial Service

On June 13, 1992 a discussion was held at the VAVRS Executive Committee meeting about the recognition of Emergency Medical Services providers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Kevin Dillard brought up his concern about the Police and Fire services having a service for their personnel, but a service not available for the EMS personnel. After a discussion on the issue, Jack Long, President of the VAVRS, appointed a committee to look into this. Kevin Dillard was appointed as the chair and three additional committee members were appointed-- Wanda Morehead, Kent George and Jim Schepmoes.

When the committee was originally formed it was named "EMS Personnel Who Died in the Line of Duty." Shortly thereafter it was renamed the "National EMS Memorial Service."

The goal of the committee when it was formed was to organize a National service, get National recognition and to get this up and running within three years. This goal was exceeded as the first service was held on April 3, 1993 at Mill Mountain Theater in Roanoke, Virginia. At the first service there were six honorees—one from Alaska, two from Florida and three from Virginia.

At the service, family representatives of those who died were presented a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol denoting service to their country, a white rose denoting their undying love, and a medallion denoting their eternal memory. This presentation continues today.

The committee agreed to move in the direction of being self-supporting and more of a National Committee. In November 1993 the committee adopted a logo and started developing literature for the service. The logo design has an American flag with a white rose.

The second service was held March 24, 1994 at Greene Memorial United Methodist Church, in Roanoke, Virginia. The service was held at this church because this was the church where Julian Wise was a member. The committee thought this location would be a fitting tribute to the person who formed the first volunteer rescue squad in the United States.

In the early years of the service, the National EMS Memorial Service was a committee of the VAVRS with the chairman and the committee appointed by the president of the association. Later the committee became a separate non-profit organization. The newly formed board elected their own chairman and board members. Later the position of chair and vice-chair was changed to President and Vice President.

In May 1998 Congress agreed to recognize the service as the National EMS Memorial Service by passing resolutions in both the Senate and House.

May 23, 2009 was the last service to be held in Virginia. This service was held at First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia with over 90 providers being honored.

An extensive national search was held to determine where the future and permanent home of the National EMS Memorial Service and the permanent memorial should be. Multiple sites from throughout the nation were considered. The final selection was made selecting Colorado Springs, Colorado. In June 2010 the first service will be held at the site in Colorado Springs.

Land has been obtained in Colorado Springs to build the permanent memorial. This piece of land has a lake in the background and Pike's Peak off in the distance.

Kevin Dillard has served as President of the National EMS Memorial Service since its inception.

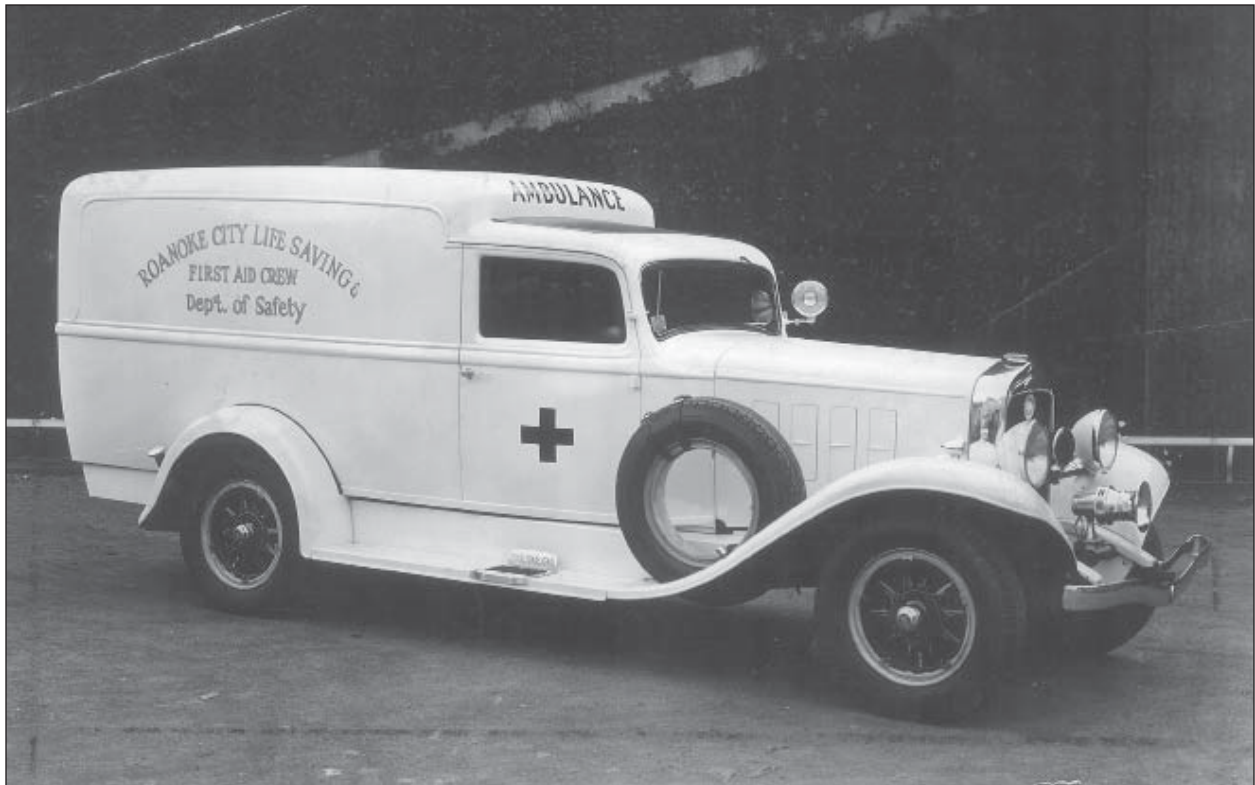


Past Presidents: L to R (Seated) "Buddy" Phillips, Kimball Glass, Clayton Lester, (Standing Front Row) Garry Clatterbuck, Ken Morgan, Carroll Hawkes, Ronnie Slough, Kevin Dillard, (Standing Back Row) Benny Summerlin, Page Entsminger, Kelly Walters, J C Phillips, "Buster" Greene

Life Members



(Front Row, L to R) Warren Winner, Jim Hargrave, Bubby Bish, Mel Ayers, Michael Moore (Back Row, L to R) Glenn Drumheller, Bennie Moore, George Langford, Jack Jones, Tommy Gwaltney



Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew



Greenville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Emporia



Wythe County Life Saving Crew, Inc.



Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad, Richmond

VOTE WITH DISTRICT ONE



GLENN H. PUHLE,
Staunton,
Vice President VAVRS
Seeks Office Of PRESIDENT



KENNY MORGAN,
Richmond,
Secretary VAVRS
Seeks Office Of VICE PRESIDENT



BENNY RICE,
Buena Vista,
Chaplain Of Local And
District One As CHAPLAIN

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS

1973 Convention, Officer Campaign flyer



Bristol Life Saving Crew and VAVRS Life Member, Paul Newton responding to call



VAVRS President Gary Dalton, Auxiliary President Maxine Kerns, and Governor Mark Warner



VPI Lifesaving Crew, 1940s



State Training Officer, Russ Leatham; Bulletin Editor, Beale Wilhoit; State Senator Paul Manns; and President Ken Morgan look on as Governor Mills Godwin signs 1976 Rescue Squad Week Proclamation.



State President Gary Clatterbuck; Junior President Mike Lattanzio; Office Manager Lil Fahnestock and husband Wesley; Auxiliary President Fran Phillips look on as Governor Chuck Robb signs 1985 Rescue Squad Week Proclamation.