

Washington Ambulance Association Annual Report 2021

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Hello Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you happy and healthy. You may not know this, but the town motto of Washington is "Others Before Self", and perhaps nowhere is this spirit more alive than in Washington Ambulance Association. We are the responders who will come to your house at 2:30 in the morning when you dial 911 for a medical emergency. We have a long history as a vital part of the town of Washington and a vibrant future, with your support.

In looking back over the past year, there is much to be proud of. Washington Ambulance crews responded to over 400 calls. These ranged from folks needing a lift assist, to treating victims of car accidents, and everything in between. The COVID pandemic has stressed all of us, so we have continually improved our practice to respond to the crisis. We are the only area service that has invested in ambulance UVC decontamination systems.

Washington Ambulance will be celebrating our 80th anniversary in 2022. As always, we are 100% volunteer - truly neighbors helping neighbors! We continue to offer EMT/EMR classes and add new members to our corps. This spirit of volunteerism, and your continued generosity, have allowed us to operate without billing anyone for our services.

This year's annual report provides a look back at our history, as well as a glimpse into the future of Washington Ambulance. We hope you enjoy the enclosed photos, info, and insert. We also honor the generous donors from the past 12 months. We are asking you again to support Washington Ambulance as we continue to support you. Together we can keep all of our community served by high quality EMS for the next 80 years!!

Others Before Self,

PHILIP WILDHAN

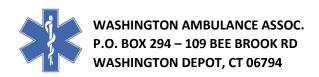
Philip "Chip" Wildman
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DO YOU KNOW: There are two ways to donate:

- You can donate online! To do so, go to our website <u>www.washingtonambulance.org</u> or simply scan the QR code here.
- Alternatively, please feel free to place a check in the enclosed remittance envelope. Thank You!





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We are your neighbors and friends. We know the people, roads, homes, businesses, schools, churches, and trails in this beautiful town.

Our team trains extensively and studies hard to be well prepared for emergencies. We stop what we are doing, day or night, to respond when you call 9-1-1.

Ways to Support Our Team and Our Town:

- 1. **Become a trained citizen -** Take a CPR/First Aid class. (we offer free CPR classes to Washington residents at our headquarters).
- 2. **Join our crew -** Take an EMT or EMR course (we offer these National Certification courses).
- 3. **Fund us** Your donations go to our annual operating expenses and capital fund.

We can't do this without community support! Together, we ensure Washington maintains this essential service FREE OF CHARGE.

February 15, 1942

This is the date of our very first ambulance call. Arlo Ericson (a member of our founding organization - the Lions Club of Washington, CT) drove a patient to Waterbury Hospital early that Sunday morning. This was the start of our mission - To provide ambulance service as "a public benefaction" with "service intended being charitable and for community betterment." An anonymous Washington citizen donated the \$1,500 necessary to purchase that first ambulance – a used 1937 Packard. Dr. Arthur H. Jackson was the first President of the Washington Ambulance Assoc. We have had hundreds of great volunteers, thousands of unique calls, and some sweet rides over the years! Look for upcoming celebrations of our 80 years in service.















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When someone doesn't seem to be "acting normal", this could be a medical emergency.

IN CASE OF

EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1

Some common causes of Altered Mental Status:

- * Infection
- * Stroke or T.I.A.
 * Cardiac Dysrhythmia
- * Seizure
- * Shock
- * Diabetic Emergency
- * Medication or Drug Toxicity
- * Severe Dehydration
- * Head Injury
- * Dementia or Alzheimer Disease
- * Delirium
- * Heat or Cold Emergency
- * Hypoxia







Alternate back blows + chest thrusts until the object clears and child can cry or breathe.

If child becomes unresponsive - start CPR.

Call 9-1-1





NAME:	BIRTHDATE:
ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:
EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name and Phone number):	
ALLERGIES:	
MEDICATIONS:	
ANY SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL HISTORY (Diabetes, heart concerns, history of stroke, etc.):	
YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN AND ANY OTHER DOCTORS YOU SEE REGULARLY:	
DO YOU HAVE A LIVING WILL, ADVANCED DIRECTIVE, OR DNR FORM? YES NO SO, WHERE IS IT LOCATED?	



Fill this out ... stick it on your refrigerator

Make a copy and keep it in your wallet. Give a copy to your emergency contact.

Courtesy of Washington Ambulance Association