

BARTLETT/JACKSON AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT 2015

The year 2015 found Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Service at par with last year, slightly above the 500 call mark. The average call still takes about two hours from start to completion. Better documentation programs has sped this up a bit.

Bartlett Jackson Emergency Medical Services acts as a clinical site for SOLO and continues to be a great success! Several students have joined our service and we continue to encourage them to become involved in their own community wherever that may be.

Bartlett Jackson data collection regarding mTBI continues and is entering its third year. This is an effort to identify concussions in the early stages in order to provide the most appropriate treatments. This is a blind study that identifies the injury, how quickly it was recognized and the follow up care. Patients and schools have responded very well to the efforts put into this program. We are currently exploring ways to work with pediatric physicians regarding concussion injuries in younger children.

Motor vehicle accidents and structure fires continue to keep our members busy as well. Calls that result in standing by to support police officers have risen slightly over the past few years. This includes local police, as well as County Sheriffs and the NH State Troopers.

Opiate misuse continues to be an issue through the United States, and New Hampshire is no exception. We are working with the Mount Washington Supports Recovery group and have participated in a Narcan training open to the public. Our goal is to make a positive impact and reduce substance addictions in our community.

Billing continues to be challenge as patients often change carriers yearly. We have made a significant improvement gathering insurance cards at the times of service.

Bartlett Jackson EMS continues to develop community relations with a cooperative agreement with the VNA of Mt. Washington Valley. This is an effort to allow patients to remain in their homes and enjoy their quality of life, and results in lower health care costs. We offer lift assistance and suggestions as to where products such as power chairs and grab rails can be purchased, and occasionally, who patients can contact to assist in the installation of these products.

Bartlett Jackson EMS currently has five members in college and universities that are active members. Most of these students are pursuing careers in medicine. These include Physician Assistant, , Pre Med, and advanced EMT and fire fighters. We are proud to have helped launch many medical careers over the the years! This

includes MDs, DOs, PAs, BSN, MSN and Paramedics that are currently working in the Valley that got their start with BJAS.

I would like to thank the towns of Bartlett and Jackson, the citizens of both towns and the folks of Harts Location for their support; we can't do this without You!

Thank you New Hampshire Fish and Game and the New Hampshire State Police from Troops E and F for all you do to keep us safe in both the urban and wilderness settings. We would also like to thank Bartlett Fire, Jackson Fire, Bartlett Police, Jackson Police, Carroll County Sheriffs dispatch and officers for all their efforts. Also, to Memorial Hospital and Saco River Medical group for your trust and support in BJAS. Thank you to the AMC for sharing your personnel as well as Attitash, Jackson Ski Touring, Black Mt. patrollers, SOLO, and US Forrest Service. Working with all of you in back country injuries has always been a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

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