Who provides your ambulance service when you need it?

Canaan Ambulance.

Who is Canaan Ambulance?

It is a group of 26 paid, trained, licensed volunteers who give their time to make sure there is always coverage when someone needs emergency care.

What’s a Paid Volunteer?

Local community members volunteer their time to be trained as first responders and who provide emergency medical care and transport to a hospital. They receive a nominal amount to be available for emergency calls ($6 per hour) and a slightly greater amount for the actual emergency calls ($15 to $25 per hour for a call that typically lasts an hour or two).

Who owns or controls Canaan Ambulance?

Technically, Canaan Ambulance is part of the Town of Canaan but it is managed by the providers themselves. All funds pass through the Town and are accounted for and audited by the Town but funds are dedicated to Canaan Ambulance. The Towns of Dorchester, Orange and Grafton partner with Canaan Ambulance.

What does it cost annually to provide this service?

About $376,000.

Why does it cost $376,000 a year? Sounds expensive.

Think about the time and materials needed. It requires 2 people available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year including all holidays. That is 17,520 hours a year or the equivalent of about 8 full time employees. That does not count the extra hours needed when two or three ambulance teams are needed. At just an average of $14 per hour, that equals $245,280 a year. Required payroll benefits and taxes add another $30,000. Regional Paramedics add $9,000.

There are the three ambulances that have to be replaced periodically, fueled, maintained and insured at an annual cost of $53,000. The cost of training, insurance and medical supplies totals $31,000.

How many calls are there and what’s the cost per call?

The 400 calls a year average about $940 a call just to send an ambulance out! We know that the life of a family member or neighbor is worth much more.

Who pays for all this?

$166,000 of the cost comes from the taxpayers of Canaan, Dorchester, Grafton and Orange. Canaan pays $126,000 of this amount. Insurance and individuals are billed and pay about $135,000 in payments. Special events raise about $35,000.

We have covered $336,000. That leaves about $40,000 that is not funded.
We are here to help you BUT we need your help as well.

We are looking to households for help raising $40,000. There are 2,300 households that we serve. Our need is just under $20 a year per household.

Please Help Us if You Can.

We need every household to make an annual donation if they can. We need to raise $40,000 beyond what is paid by insurance and by taxes. Everyone can help. If you can only afford $5, that’s fine. If you can afford $100 or $500, we could really use your gift. From $5 a year to $500 a year, we need your gifts to average $20 per household.

We know that many of our households have no extra income to make that donation. We don’t want you to donate if it is a burden. No donation is required for service.

Your gift is important to make sure that we will always be there when you need us. Your donation will help fund training and ambulance replacement.

This is an annual appeal that starts August 15th and runs only until October 15th.

Please help us to help you. Please give what you can!

ALL FUNDS ARE DEDICATED ONLY TO THE CANAAN AMBULANCE SERVICE SERVING DORCHESTER, CANAAN, ORANGE and GRAFTON!

Bill Bellion,
Chief of Service
Jordyn Bagalio,
Operations Administrator

Note: Grafton provides 60% of its coverage and Canaan provides 40% of the Grafton coverage. Any gifts from Grafton residents will be divided so that 40% will go to Canaan Ambulance 60% will go to Grafton Volunteer Ambulance.

Thank you for your 2019 voluntary donation!

Amount $___________

I am making the following gift to Canaan Emergency Medical Services to support Canaan Ambulance in the Towns of Dorchester, Canaan, Grafton & Orange.

Name: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________________

All gifts to Canaan Emergency Medical Services are tax deductible. Checks must be made payable to Canaan EMS or Canaan Emergency Medical Services and should be sent to PO Box 38, Canaan, NH 03741.

For gifts of $100 or more needing 911 approved reflective address numbers, we will send them to you at no cost if you fill in your address number here __________.