

A BRIEF HISTORY



Our new ambulance, February 2007

MISSION

Lyme Ambulance Association will contribute to the quality of life in Lyme and the surrounding communities by providing basic life-support care and transportation to area health care facilities at the highest possible quality level, with service based on equal availability to all persons.

We provide ambulance and emergency medical service on a no cost basis to the residents of Lyme and the surrounding communities.

Our 100% volunteer staff depends on your commitment to renew your annual membership and additional donations from many generous community members

In 1975, residents of the Town of Lyme were served by The South End Ambulance group of Old Lyme. Because of the lengthy response times, John Yeomans believed the Town of Lyme needed to have its own ambulance service. Lyme Ambulance Association was registered with the State of Connecticut on July 8, 1975. Our first ambulance was a 1971 Cadillac.

In the first two years John recruited some 34 people to be radio operators, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and drivers. Harold Hawthorn, the popular school bus driver and fire volunteer, was a radio operator. Louis Mildrum, Geoff Kinch and Barbara Kinch were the first to be certified as EMTs. Sid Winakor, who drove the State Police Ambulance in Colchester, Jim and Dot Orr, East Haddam neighbors who were certified to perform advanced first aid, Bud Lahm, Tom Maly, Carl Malachowski, Phil Bliss, former Town Fire Marshall and John Yeomans were all drivers.

Today we are fueled by the same volunteer spirit that our early members deployed to start the service. Long standing members include Bill Firgelewski, a driver for more than 25 years, Linda Bireley, Carter Courtney, Betsy Morgan and Ron Rose, all EMTs with a combined total of more than 80 years with LAA. There are, of course, many newer members and we always welcome others who wish to serve our wonderful community.



**LYME
AMBULANCE
ASSOCIATION**

OPERATIONS GROUP

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of volunteers who enjoy helping others in our community. We are all young at heart and some even young in years. We are your friends and neighbors.

JOIN US!!

WHAT WE DO

Drivers get the ambulance to the scene, assist the medical personnel, transport patients safely and comfortably to the medical facility, and prepare the ambulance for the next run.

EMTs/MRTs provide first response assistance to patients, prepare the patient for transport, accompany the patient to the medical facility and provide medical facility personnel with vital information about the patient.

Staff personnel provide the administrative support necessary for a smooth organization including management, financial, and secretarial functions.

WHY WE DO IT

We like to help others
We like contributing to our community
We like learning new skills
We like meeting new people
We enjoy each other's company

There are as many reasons as there are volunteers.

Contact any of our Operations Group Members to learn more about becoming an active member

Heidi Bill, RN & EMT
Anne Bing, EMT
Linda E. Bireley, EMT
Sherry Block, EMT
Shelley Bochain, President, EMT
Tom Brown, EMT
Anne Clement, Driver
Carl Clement, Driver
Betsey Copp, EMT
Beverly Crowther, Secretary (OG)
Karen Dahle, EMT
Tom Darna, EMT
John Falstrom, Staff
Robert Farrell, Driver
William Firgelewski, Driver
Brett Flynn, Paramedic
Fred Harger, EMT
Ernest Lammer, Driver
James Leatherbee, MRT
Rich T. Monahan, MRT
Elizabeth J. Morgan, EMT
Steve Olstein, Driver
Allen Petri, EMT
Ronald E Rose, EMT
Sarah Rose, Secretary (BOD)
Peter Stelzner, Vice President
John Venduras, EMT
Marilyn Warren, Treasurer

Primary Operations Group Contacts

Carter Courtney, EMT 434-0057
Tom Darna, EMT 434-7042



Lyme Ambulance Association (LAA)

I would like to know more about becoming a member of the LAA Operations Group.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Send To:
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Hadlyme, CT 06439