

Colebrook Dispatch Center 2011 Annual Report

The year 2011 began as a very challenging year with regard to snowmobile and ATV rescue calls, 18 between January 1st and March 31st with 5 being air rescues. Snowmobile/ ATV rescue calls remain our most challenging calls due to off road locations, initial communication from scene and severity of injury. Area Fire/ Rescue and 45th EMS do an outstanding job on off road rescue justifying the many hours of training they expend in practice drills.

Spring of 2011 also began the activation of four new communication towers. Individually located on Ben Young Hill, Signal Mountain, Magalloway Mountain, and Whitcomb Mountain. Strategically locate these repeater towers enhance radio communication throughout our response area and have effectively eliminated many, if not all, the communication difficulties of previous years. Emergency personnel in the field can now communicate on the repeater tower nearest the scene with enhanced effectiveness. The repeater towers were provided through a grant application by the town of Colebrook.

In April of this year Colebrook dispatch assumed the duties of dispatching Beecher Falls Fire and Rescue into four Canadian towns, East Hereford, St. Hermenegilde, St. Malo and St. Venant-de-Paquette. Dispatching services were previously performed by U.S. Customs, Beecher Falls, VT station.

With the addition of 4 towns in Canada the Colebrook Dispatch Center now dispatches to 9 towns, 3 Grants and 2 Locations in New Hampshire as well as 2 Towns in Maine and 6 Towns in Vermont. The approximate area encompasses an estimated 1400 SQ miles which includes 4 Fire Departments, 2 EMS Agencies and 2 EMS Fast Response Agencies.

In closing, all of us at the Colebrook Dispatch Center would like to take this opportunity to commend all the area Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS Personnel for their support and cooperation throughout the year and to especially recognize all those who have volunteered time and support in providing their outstanding service to our combined communities.

Thank You,
Gary Dinco
Dispatch Supervisor