

Henderson County Rescue Squad, Inc.

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Dear Henderson County Friend and Neighbor,

Every minute of every hour, of every day of every year, there are members ready to respond who sacrifice and leave their families, jobs, and personal safety behind at a moment's notice. They are the 74 highly trained volunteers of the Henderson County Rescue Squad. Supported by 25 part-time and 13 full-time staff, this local team of individuals continues a 67-year tradition of service to Henderson County whenever needed. We provide Henderson County with a unique set of services that complement the county EMS and Fire Departments, and 2024 is no different. This offers an invaluable asset to county residents.

In 2023, the Henderson County Rescue Squad responded to 3,470 calls for service. We continue to provide services for medical emergencies, flood & swift water rescues, automobile accidents, structure fires, lost person searches, mountain rescue, underwater search and recovery, and medical standbys at community events. Please visit our website or Facebook Page to see more of what we do.

Our membership is comprised of 82 state certified medical personnel ranging from Emergency Medical Responders to EMT-Paramedics and 55 state certified Rescue Technicians. The average member undergoes 100-300 hours of intense training each year. The average volunteer gave nearly 400-500 working hours on Henderson County Rescue Squad missions this year.

Yes, we give our time, but the supplies and equipment needed to do our job are expensive. Henderson County has graciously allocated money this year to help cover part of our operating costs; however, help is still needed for additional equipment and capital improvements. **Please let that help include you.** This year, we are looking to update our water search and rescue equipment. Also, our capital needs for this year include protective equipment for water and wilderness rescue and underwater search and recovery. We will continue our Injury Relief fund to help our members who may have a need during the year that will be vetted by an oversight board.

Enclosed is a return envelope ready for your response. One hundred percent of your tax-deductible donation will go to support our operations. We ask that you please consider a donation of \$35.00. If you are able to donate more, your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer, you can donate online through our website: **www.hendersoncountyrescue.org**, click on the donate link where you can give securely by credit card through PayPal. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Timothy D. McFalls
Tim McFalls, Chief

PS: If \$35.00 is too much for you to give at this time, please consider giving what you can.

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