

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING RESCUE SERVICES

The current Sacopee Rescue chief, Lori Edgerly, is retiring as of December 31, 2021 after decades of service to our communities. As a result, the selectmen from Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, and Porter have been exploring ways to improve service and reduce the number of mutual aid calls covered by surrounding towns. We have two alternatives.

The first involves two paramedics from the Sanford area who have presented a proposal that would change the leadership of Sacopee Rescue, work toward more accountability, improved service, and work with Maine EMS to resolve current issues to prevent a loss of license.

The second is to dissolve Sacopee Rescue and go with Action EMS for our rescue services. They're headquartered in Wilmington, Mass., and they also serve the North Conway area as well as Tamworth, Ossipee, Eaton, Madison, Effingham, and Freedom New Hampshire. We have contacted Tamworth, Effingham, and Freedom and they have reported no issues with Action EMS. Service and response times have all been good.

We have had presentations from both parties which were taped by JR Stevenson, Sacopee TV Coordinator, and are available for viewing by using this link (<https://youtu.be/uM4P-uiZBQ0>). The first presentation is by the two paramedics, and the second is by Action EMS. This was done to limit large groups at the presentations due to COVID restrictions, but also provide an opportunity for citizens of the four towns to get the same information the selectmen received.

Please watch these presentations to help us make the best decision for our towns. If you have any questions please contact your selectmen.

Selectmen from Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, and Porter