

## Status of Nelson Rescue Services

- License suspended by state due to not having any qualified First Responders or EMT's on the department.
- Mutual aid system is providing support to the town
  - Sullivan, Harrisville, Stoddard are providing Rescue coverage to calls in designated areas of town
  - A Nelson fire officer is also required to respond to each rescue call
- Keene ambulance responds to each call in continuing to provide ambulance service to the town
- Training for a First Responder course is scheduled for September. This will be for members of the department and interest town's people who want to pursue and help provide these services to the town.
- The next issue of the Grapevine has a brief article requesting those who would like to volunteer to be part of and support the town's rescue service.
- Once we have certified, trained personnel we will again meet the states requirements to allow us to get our license back and resume the local rescue service.
- Rescue personnel need to be registered with the state and federal government.
- Desire for local response due to delays that can happen because of travel time and resources availability.
- It is a commitment of time and energy with regard to training and involvement. It is also a commitment to be part of the team and be ready to provide services at any time of day. You will also need to keep up with the latest advances. Recertification is required on a regular basis after the initial training.
- Rescue calls continue to be the main area of activity for the department. Their number each year meets /exceeds all the other types of calls combined together.