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COMMUNITY ADVISORY

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD BEGINS 76TH ANNUAL DOOR-TO-DOOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad has begun its 76th annual door-to-door fundraising campaign, which continues through October. **This Annual Fund Drive is critical to the existence of the Rescue Squad**. Donations from community members fund the majority of our \$2 million annual operating budget.

Residents of the Rescue Squad's service area, including **Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Upper Northwest Washington, Glen Echo**, and parts of **Cabin John, North Bethesda, and Potomac**, can expect uniformed volunteers and emergency vehicles in their neighborhoods between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, and from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Some residents will receive our Fund Drive booklet via the U.S. Mail, instead of a visit from a volunteer. As in past years, a booklet containing a postage-paid envelope will be left for residents who are not home and will be mailed to residents of apartments and condominiums.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad does not use paid solicitors or employ telemarketers. All personnel engaged in the door-to-door fundraising campaign are always in full uniform and carry Rescue Squad identification. Residents are encouraged to ask for identification and may obtain additional verification of a Rescue Squad member's identity by calling the Rescue Squad dispatcher at **301-652-0077**.

For more information on the operation of our Annual Fund Drive, please call 301-652-0077 and ask for the Officer in Charge, visit www.bccrs.org, or email us at development@bccrs.org.

About the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad

The B-CC Rescue Squad is a valuable community asset, providing security and peace of mind to residents, businesses, and visitors. In 2015, Rescue Squad ambulances, medic units and rescue squads responded to more than 9,600 emergencies, including illnesses, injuries, heart attacks, vehicle collisions, house fires, and many other incidents. In addition, the Rescue Squad provides a variety of non-emergency services to the community. The Rescue Squad works in partnership with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service and the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department and responds to calls under a coordinated emergency plan. The training, services, and equipment at the B-CC Rescue Squad are among the best in the United States, regardless of whether paid staff or volunteers are on duty.

The generous contributions from the public; grants from community organizations; and the efforts of 150 professionally trained volunteer EMTs, Paramedics, and Firefighters result in a savings to taxpayers of \$4 million per year. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad extends its sincere thanks to community leaders and citizens for their support, which makes our efforts possible.

Contributions are tax-deductible; Rescue Squad participates in the Combined Federal Campaign.

The B-CC Rescue Squad is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and contributions to the Rescue Squad are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

The Rescue Squad participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC # 19223). The Rescue Squad is also proud to announce that it has been selected by the *Catalogue for Philanthropy* as one of the finest smaller nonprofits that Greater Washington has to offer. Please visit www.cfp-dc.org for further information.

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