



ST JOHN RESCUE
Board of Directors
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Senator Kenneth L Gittens
Capitol Building
Charlotte Amalie, VI 00804

January 23, 2024

Dear Senator Gittens:

Thank you for your interest in improving the quality of life for the people of St. John. As president of St. John Rescue, I plan on presenting the qualifications and abilities of the members of St. John Rescue at the town hall meeting on January 31.

I will also be asking the director of 911 Control to explain their system of dispatching.

Included is a document that shows the level of training and place of residence of each of our responders along with a list of St. John Rescue's many achievements and our goals for 2024-2025.

The members of St. John Rescue devote countless hours to training in order to be able to provide the best possible emergency medical care to our patients.

Our responders, who are either nationally certified or in training to be nationally certified EMR's or EMT's, have consistently demonstrated proficiency, an impressive skill level, and empathy for our patients.

Please look over these documents and feel free to contact me if you have any questions..

Bob. Malacarne, President St. John Rescue, Inc

St. John Rescue



On Call For Life



St. John Rescue

OUR MISSION: St. John Rescue is a volunteer rescue organization dedicated to answering the call of those in need, providing community education, and building a better way of life for the people of St. John.

What St. John Rescue is Doing:

- St. John Rescue has been providing Basic Life Support (CPR/AED), First Aid, and Emergency Medical Responder (formerly First Responder) classes for over 20 years. We have provided BLS training to VIPD, FEMS, NPS, several church groups, boat captains, and to the general public. We have partnered with the Friends of the National Park to offer Lifeguarding and WSI courses.
- St. John Rescue has recently instituted a Junior Rescue program that will provide an opportunity for middle and high school students to develop community spirit and life skills. Junior Rescue was made possible with a grant from the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands.
- St. John Rescue is a certified American Safety and Health Institute (HSI) and an American Red Cross (ARC) training center. Our instructors are HSI, ARC, and National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) certified.
- St. John Rescue's full time professional educator is also a Nationally Certified paramedic. He has brought St. John Rescue into compliance with all applicable local and national standards. He also responds to calls as a volunteer with St. John Rescue.
- St. John Rescue is in the process of establishing an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course that will be conducted on the island of St. John.
- St. John Rescue is investigating funding sources that will allow us to initiate and support Community Paramedicine on St. John. This program will provide home health care to elderly and the less fortunate residents of St. John.
- St. John Rescue operates the only medical oxygen generator on St. John. We provide medical grade oxygen, free of charge, to NPS, FEMS, St. Thomas Rescue, and to any person on St. John who needs medical oxygen.
- St. John Rescue maintains several AED's on the island. We have distributed 10 AED's to various sites across the island including churches, tourist attractions, and gathering places. Each of our responding Emergency Medical Responders or Emergency Medical Technicians is issued an AED along with a trauma kit.
- St. John Rescue operates and maintains 4 emergency vehicles and two rescue boats with over 24 volunteer responders who are either nationally registered or in training to be EMR's or EMT's.
- St. John Rescue operates out of a state of the art building on Giffit Hill Road built with CDBG funds.
- St. John Rescue members in cooperation with Pine Peace Minimart, Starfish Market, and Dolphin Market provided home cooked hot meals on Christmas for members of FEMS, Myra Keating Clinic, Virgin Islands Police, Customs and Border Patrol, and for the homeless in Coral Bay.
- St. John Rescue partnered with VIPD and FEMS on Three Kings Day to distribute new bicycles and other toys to local children on St. John

Providing the services listed above requires an extraordinary amount of fund raising and grant writing. Our operations depend on the generosity of our friends and visitors on St. John and on available government and private grants.

St. John Rescue is a dynamic organization that is dependent on donations and grants . We search out and apply for grants from government and private sources in order to foster our ability to provide the best emergency rescue services possible to the people and visitors on St. John.

What St. John Rescue Plans to Achieve:

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| • Purchase 10 Portable Oxygen Concentrators | Funded with CDBG funds |
| • Payoff balance for 2022 SUV response vehicle | Balance \$50,000.00 |
| • Purchase a LUCAS Automated CPR Device | \$14,000.00 funding needed |
| • Initiate EMT course late 2024-early 2025 | Total Cost TBD |
| • Operate a Junior Rescue program annually | Funded with CFVI grant |
| • Conduct a Public Safety Diver course | \$20,000.00 funding needed |
| • Conduct a Maritime Search and Rescue course | Partially funded |
| • Initiate joint training with USCG, Join CG Auxiliary | Budgeted |
| • Conduct joint training with NPS dive team | Budgeted |
| • Conduct High Angle Rescue training /purchase state of the art | |
| • Solicit funds for Vortex Rappelling equipment | \$20,000.00 purchased |
| • Conduct Confined Space training | \$10,000.00 funding needed |
| • Conduct Search and Rescue training | \$7,500.00 funding needed |
| • Conduct Drone operation certification training | \$3,000.00 Budgeted |
| • Initiate and operate Community Paramedicine on St. John | Total Cost TBD |
| • Maintain a Professional Trainer/Educator | \$85,000.00 annual funded through |
- December 2024.

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