



Ramsey Ambulance Corps, Inc.

41 South Island Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446



Committees 2021

By-Laws	<p>The business of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps is governed by a set of ByLaws. From time to time, these rules and practices need to be adjusted.</p> <p>The By-Laws Committee works to incorporate changes to these documents as the need arises, using careful wording to ensure clarity and consistency throughout.</p>
Community Outreach	<p>The Ramsey Ambulance Corps participates in many outside functions and events, such as Touch-a-Truck events, the Farmers' Market, Story Time at the library, demonstrations for the Scouts and DUI demos for the schools, among many other events. These activities serve a dual purpose of assisting the community and putting a public face on the work of the Corps.</p> <p>The Community Outreach Committee helps to coordinate these events and to liaise with other organizations in town to help promote these positive activities.</p>
Board Of Health (2 people max.)	<p>Ramsey ambulance selects one person and an alternate to be liaison with the Board of Health of Ramsey Borough.</p> <p>This will involve attending meetings and making sure we are kept informed of current issues affecting the community.</p>
EMS Council	<p>The EMS Council of New Jersey is a statewide, non-profit organization that advocates for volunteer first aid squads and helps to set standards for emergency medical services throughout the state.</p> <p>Ramsey Ambulance Corps is a member of the EMS Council of NJ and sends Delegates to each District meeting (typically once a month). The Delegates take our concerns to the meetings and bring back updates of what the Council is working towards on our behalf.</p>
Fund Drive	<p>The Corps sends out a fund drive letter twice a year to request the financial support of the residents of Ramsey.</p> <p>The Fund Drive Committee works with the vendor to update the flier and the mailing list when needed. When the checks come in, Committee members prepare the deposits, keep the records, and help with the thankyou notes.</p>
Fundraising	<p>The Borough of Ramsey provides generous financial support to the Corps through the town budget, and the residents of Ramsey support the Corps regularly through the semi-annual fund drive. However, it is vital that the Corps has additional sources of funding.</p> <p>The Fundraising Committee works to plan and execute events throughout the year that can bring in additional funds to help extend our budget.</p>



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Grant Writing	<p>RAC is a business and has many expenses. The Borough of Ramsey and the residents of Ramsey are very generous in their support, but the Corps is always looking for alternative sources of funding.</p> <p>The Grant Writing Committee looks for and pursues grant opportunities to procure monies for projects that would further the Mission of the Corps.</p>
Home for the Holidays	<p>To kick off the winter season, the Ramsey Fire Department hosts Santa Claus at the fire house. A parade through town heralds the event and brings families to the fire house to meet with Santa.</p> <p>Each year, there is a different holiday theme for the event, and various organizations in town enter their floats in the parade. Ramsey Ambulance Corps Members and their families build a float and participate in this fun community event.</p>
Kitchen	<p>The Corps is equipped with a kitchen that is appointed with industrial quality facilities. The kitchen is used to prepare dinner for our Regular Meetings and for special events, such as Super Bowl parties or on Cinco de Mayo. The kitchen can also be made available to Members under certain circumstances for private events.</p> <p>The Kitchen Committee is responsible for the regular upkeep of the kitchen, its supplies, and overall cleanliness. Kit Com also prepares the menu and the meal for the monthly Meeting and most of the approved Corps events.</p>
Loan Equipment	<p>Many people find themselves, from time to time, in need of some simple medical equipment. The Corps accepts donations of high-quality crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs and loans them out to members of the community in need.</p> <p>The Loan Equipment Committee checks the quality of the incoming (and returned) equipment and maintains an adequate inventory to generally meet the needs of the community. Since the items are <i>loaned</i>, it becomes necessary at times to make follow-up phone calls to request items be returned.</p>
Membership	<p>Every organization is constantly growing and changing as members retire and leave and new members join.</p> <p>The Membership Committee has a variety of promotional tools and events to invite members of the community to join and help in fulfilling the Mission of the Corps.</p>
Morale/Entertainment	<p>All work and no play can make for a very unhappy group. Members can work together better if they have opportunities to play together. We have an important job to do well, and social activities help us interact on a better level.</p> <p>The Morale & Entertainment Committee plans events that are designed just for Members to relax and socialize. Events that have been organized in the past include things like the pool party, a holiday cookie exchange, other special theme or holiday activities, and summer barbecues.</p>



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<p>Newsletter</p>	<p>At the monthly Regular Meeting, the Officers and Committees present reports of the activities and accomplishments of the past month as well as news and notices of upcoming activities and events.</p> <p>The Newsletter is a forum for these reports to facilitate the dissemination of detailed information which may be harder to glean during an oral presentation on the floor of the meeting.</p>
<p>Nominating</p>	<p>Ramsey Ambulance Corps is governed by the membership who elect officers to provide the necessary leadership to achieve the Mission of the Corps.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee is tasked with presenting a slate of qualified candidates for each Office at the time of elections. This requires that the Committee be familiar with the qualifications for each office and the members who meet those qualifications.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee carefully considers who would be best suited and qualified for each office and then approaches each of these candidates, explains the requirements and expectations of office, and convinces them to run, presenting a unified slate to the membership at the meeting.</p>
<p>Rig Dedication (Convened when necessary)</p>	<p>When we are blessed with the arrival of a new ambulance, we dedicate it to people who have done outstanding work on behalf of the Corps.</p> <p>The Rig Dedication Committee plans an event to dedicate each of our rigs. The event usually includes a ceremony attended by local dignitaries and the families of the honorees followed by a reception.</p>
<p>Publicity</p>	<p>The Publicity Committee helps to promote the activities of the Corps to the public. The work of the Publicity Committee helps to support recruitment activities and community outreach events as well as provide news to the community of special events, such as the rig dedication and special recognition ceremonies.</p>
<p>Ramsey Day</p>	<p>Ramsey Day is a Borough-wide promotional event and fundraiser on South Island Avenue. Many organizations throughout town set up a table to promote their activities. For us, it is part fundraiser, part publicity, and part EMS response. The Ambulance Corps sells sodas and coffee/tea and other items as part of our annual fundraising activities.</p> <p>More importantly, the day is an opportunity to be present among the community. We provide free blood pressure screenings and first aid services for skinned knees and bee stings and anything else that might happen during the day.</p> <p>Ramsey Ambulance HQ also serves a vital function as the designated "Lost & Found" for both lost articles and lost children.</p> <p>The Ramsey Day Committee coordinates with the Borough on the initial planning, works with procuring donations for the day's sales, and supports the day's activities. After all the planning, it's a fun, all-hands-on deck event to mark the end of summer!</p>



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Recognition	<p>We work hard all year and we do some amazing things! We respond to emergency calls day and night, we save people’s lives, and we deliver babies. At the end of the year, we take stock of what we have done, and we recognize everyone for their hard work and dedication.</p> <p>The Recognition Committee keeps the records of the many achievements and accomplishments of the Corps Members and prepares appropriate awards for those outstanding efforts.</p>
Recognition Celebration	<p>Early in the year, the Corps gets together to celebrate the many achievements from the prior year. Local dignitaries and Chiefs of area squads and agencies we have worked with over the year are invited to join us in celebrating the past accomplishments.</p> <p>The Celebration Committee scouts out possible venues and presents options to the Corps. The Committee helps to make sure the event runs smoothly and assists the Recognition Committee in conducting the awards ceremony.</p>
Sunshine	<p>The Ambulance Corps is like a family, and, like families, we have events in our lives that need to be recognized. Some of these are happy events, like weddings and babies, while others are not so happy, like illness and loss.</p> <p>The Sunshine Committee sends appropriate acknowledgements (such as a card, flowers, or a fruit basket) to Members who have experienced a recent event – either good or bad – that should be recognized by the EMS family.</p>
Technology	<p>Once upon a time, patient charts were all hand-written at the end of a call and Crew Members were notified of an ambulance request over the telephone. Now, as with any business, the Ambulance Corps relies on technology to run many aspects of the business and operations.</p> <p>Tech Com works to keep all of the many electronic systems humming in beautiful harmony!</p>