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For the second consecutive year the Dutchess County EMS Council has honored the Rhinebeck Rescue as the EMS Agency of the Year. While announcing the award Jennifer Manzi, President of the Dutchess County EMS Council commented, “in 2011 Rhinebeck Rescue Squad was faced with monumentous challenges; their failing ambulance caught fire and was inoperable, yet with tremendous fundraising (the entire cost of their new ambulance in just 6 months!!), some creative thinking, a loaner ambulance and a lot of determination, the Rhinebeck Rescue Squad responded to 565 calls in 2011; only turning over 20 calls for the entire year. In addition, they have grown to a squad compromised of roughly 25 EMT's with a few additional members currently enrolled in EMT class. Congratulations to Rhinebeck Rescue Squad for their amazing dedication and ability to overcome such extreme adversity”.

Following the announcement Mayor Jim Reardon stated, “This award is a testament to the extremely hard work and dedication put forth by the members of the Rhinebeck Rescue Squad. The training requirements, the weekly meetings and then being willing to respond 24/7, 365 days a year epitomizes the true meaning of what volunteerism is all about. To win this award two years in a row is incredible. The residents of the Village of Rhinebeck are so fortunate to have individuals of this caliber serving their community”. In closing Reardon states “on behalf of the Village Board I would like to recognize all the members of the Rhinebeck Rescue Squad. We are proud of you and thank you for your selfless dedication to our community”.