

# Congratulations Volunteers

At midnight, December 15, 1982, rescue squads in Warsaw, Wallace, Beulaville and Chinquapin officially went into operation. Squads began in Rose Hill, Faison and Magnolia in 1968 and Kenansville began in 1954.

Prior to 1972, rescue calls in Warsaw, Wallace, Beulaville and Chinquapin were handled by funeral homes. However, to keep abreast with state laws, the local funeral homes would have to change their equipment and send their employees through more and more training. The equipment changes forced the funeral homes to get out of the rescue or ambulance business, as it was then called.

The county picked up the slack by offering to purchase rescue vehicles. Volunteer squads were formed and many of the original volunteers are still on the squads.

In the photos of quad members, the number beside the name is the time the member has been in the quad to the nearest year.

The first rescue vehicles purchased in 1968 by the county were priced at \$15,000 fully equipped.

Today a fully-equipped vehicle costs \$25,000. Rose Hill's first unit was an Edsel station wagon. Kenansville's first rescue vehicle was a 1948 Packard with a spare tire mounted on the passenger-side fender. It was Army surplus and cost \$75 in 1954.

Rose Hill's rescue squad began as a Boy Scout Explorer project in the early 1960s.

Beulaville, Magnolia and Rose Hill's first rescue unit were old hearses from a funeral home.

Since the first four rescue vehicles purchased in 1972, the county has purchased seven additional units for replacement and county transfer units.

From December 15, 1972 through July 31, 1974, a period of 18 months, the rescue units answered 1,426 calls. From Jan. 1, 1982 until through Sept, 1982, county rescue units made 1,894 calls.

Faison Rescue is the only unit that operates without county funds. Though it is a part of the county system, so to speak, it receives no money from the county. Faison's rescue vehicle was purchased without county assistance, as well.



**FAISON RESCUE** - Front row, Jeff Taylor 4, Julian Harris 14, Kathy Kennedy 7, Gloria Hall 5, Annie Brown 14, Clement Shine 14, Dr. Jeffrey W. Margolia 1. Second Row - Roy King 4, Francis King 4, Jane Silver 1, Tommy Taylor 14, Hazel Rackley 14, Henry Brown 14, Glenn Jernigan 14,

Robbie Kennedy 9, Danny Kennedy 9, Billy Ward 11, Sprunt Hall 7. Not pictured, Chester Aycock, J.W. Vinson, Junior Tucker, Delmas Hobbs and Billy Hollingsworth Lee.

All the following pictures list the volunteers right to left. The numbers following names indicates the time on the Rescue Squads to the nearest year.



**TOMMY POTTER AND ANDIE BOSTIC** are the only paid members in Duplin's Rescue Squad. They man the county transfer ambulance.



**KENANSVILLE RESCUE** - Rohn Daughtry 1, Steve Kilpatrick 3, Mike Outlaw 6. Second row - Andie Bostic 2, Billy Chambers Jr. 2, Beverly Smith 1, Kit Hobbs 1, Addie Chambers 4, Billy Chambers Sr. 4, Hiram Brinson 14 and

Doris Barnette 4. Not pictured, Ronnie Bostic, Mark Vinson, Yvonne Patterson, Cordell Johnson and Tommy Potter.



**BEULAVILLE RESCUE** - Dean Eubanks 10, Margaret Bell 10, Marissa Lanier 1, Betty Exum. Back Row - Glenwood Thomas 10, Sloan Thigpen 10, Doug Brown 10, Bob Miller 5, Carlton Lanier 1 and J.R. Bostic 8. Not pictured -

Millard Decker, Mattie Davis, John Simmons, Jerry Simmons, Bryon Thomas, James Brock, Vera Carter, S.A. Blizzard, Ann Miller and Joey Carter.



**FAISON EMERGENCY AMBULANCE**