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Acton Fire Department Celebrates Two- Year Anniversary of ALS Program



The Acton Fire Department's primary ambulance, Rescue 34. (Courtesy Photo Acton Fire Department)

ACTON -- Chief Robert Hart is pleased to announce that the Acton Fire Department is celebrating marking the end of the second year of its ALS program.

On Sept. 5, 2017, the department officially transitioned from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support in a move to better serve the community.

From Sept. 2018-Sept. 2019, Acton Fire responded to approximately 1,600 medical calls, with 700 of those resulting in an ALS transport.

Paramedics on board Acton's ALS ambulance are trained to recognize the signs of a stroke, and have therefore been able to relay information to hospitals early on, resulting in better patient outcomes.

"This has been another fantastic year operating at the ALS level," Chief Hart said. "Over the last year we've greatly expanded our services to community members and ultimately saved more lives. I'm proud of the work we've accomplished in our second year and I look forward to continuing to grow in year three."

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Left to right: Capt. Chris Sammet, Firefighter Bob Smart and ALS Coordinator Wade Messamore test monitoring equipment that goes in ambulances. (Courtesy Photo Town of Acton).

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