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Town of Sudbury Announces Advanced Life Support Services

November 25, 2013: Town Manager Maureen Valente and Fire Chief Bill Miles are pleased to announce that the Sudbury Fire Department (SFD) ambulance service began offering Advanced Life Support (ALS) services on November 1, 2013.

“This is an important milestone for the Sudbury Fire Department, and it reflects the vision of the Sudbury Board of Selectmen to vote to establish ALS services as part of the Fire Department’s mission, as well as the dedication of Sudbury Fire Chief Bill Miles, and before him retired Chief Ken MacLean, to bring this enhanced level of emergency medical services to Sudbury,” said Valente.

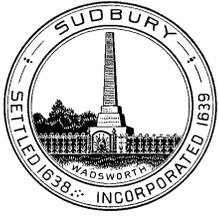
For many years, Sudbury’s Fire Department offered basic life support services by SFD personnel, while ALS services were provided without fee to surrounding communities by paramedics employed by Emerson Hospital in Concord. In 2010, Emerson could no longer provide this free service, and Sudbury Selectmen made the decision to pursue a license for the Sudbury Fire Department to be able to upgrade its medical license to Advanced Life Support standards.

“ALS is a higher level of care,” noted Chief Miles. “Paramedics can perform advanced life saving skills such as airway management, cardiac intervention, and IV medication administration. The Sudbury Fire ALS program is under the medical direction of Dr. Emily Groom of Metrowest Medical Center.”

Of Sudbury’s 32 firefighters, 22 are EMTs and 10 are paramedics. Two of Sudbury’s EMTs are training to become paramedics. Once they are fully trained and licensed, Sudbury will have 12 paramedics, 3 on each of its four work groups.

“This accomplishment could not have occurred without the efforts of many people,” Chief Miles stated. There was a great deal of cooperation between Town officials, department personnel, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services.”

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ALS Ribbon Cutting took place on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Pictured L-R: Firefighter/EMT Mike Desjardins, Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Gardner, OEMS Official Bud McDonough, Selectman Leonard Simon, Vice Chairman Chuck Woodard, Selectman Larry O'Brien, Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen, Lieutenant/EMT Kevin Cutler, FF/Paramedic Shane Medeiros, Fire Chief Bill Miles, FF/Paramedic Luis Forte, Lieutenant/EMT David Ziehler, Chairman John Drobinski, FF/EMT Russell Place, FF/EMT Josh McLeod, Town Manager Maureen Valente, FF/EMT John Salmi, and FF/Paramedic Mike Matros.

About Sudbury Board of Selectmen: The Board of Selectmen consists of five members - each elected for a three-year term. They serve without compensation. The Selectmen act as the primary policy-making body of the Town, providing oversight for matters in litigation, acting as the licensing authority for a wide variety of licenses, conducting site plan reviews, and enacting rules and regulations for such matters as traffic control. Staff in the Selectmen's Office serve as liaison between the public and the Board. For more information, please visit <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/Selectmen>. The office is open Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM and can be reached at 978-639-3381 or selectmenoffice@sudbury.ma.us.

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