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Dubuque Fire Department EMS Evolves, Offers Advanced Medical Care

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Since 1914, the Dubuque Fire Department has proudly provided emergency medical services (EMS) to the Dubuque community and continues to evolve its approach to EMS over the years. The department recently expanded its services with Advanced Life Support (ALS) engine companies, giving firefighters additional medical equipment to initiate advanced medical care.

In 2013, ALS engine response capability was added to each of the six fire districts within the city of Dubuque. As a result of ALS, emergency response time and scene times decrease, allowing personnel to promptly treat patients and return emergency response vehicles for the next call for service. Patients receive advanced medical care in a shorter response time, offering faster pain relief and potentially saving lives.

Dubuque firefighters began advanced medical training in the 1970s to provide better coverage to the community, and since 1996, paramedic certification has been a hiring requirement. Today, the department is comprised of 89 highly trained members who maintain the six stations throughout the community and provide prompt paramedic responses to all calls for service.

The fire department continues its commitment to provide exceptional care with emergency and non-emergency ambulance service, offering the following coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week: basic and advanced life support; emergency and non-emergency transfers; hospital discharges; inter-facility transfers to locations such as nursing homes, assisted living homes, or physician offices; and event standby.

For more information on Dubuque Fire Department ambulance service, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/fire or call 563-589-4160.

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