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Suisun City Fire Department Receives Accreditation to Perform Advanced Life Support (Paramedics) for the Citizens of Suisun City.

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The Suisun City Fire Department is proud to announce our new designation as an Advanced Life Support, Paramedic, level fire department. The hard work and dedication of the members of the Suisun City Fire Department, the support received from the Suisun City Council and City Manager, and the vision set forth by the Suisun City Fire Department leadership team has made this designation possible. Today, the Solano County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department granted the Suisun City Fire Department the accreditation necessary to deliver Advanced Life Support (ALS) services in Suisun City. Prior to today, Suisun City was the only municipality in Solano County not providing ALS care for its citizens.

The Suisun City Fire Department is staffed with at least one licensed paramedic fire personnel on-duty every day, to ensure that we can provide 24/7 ALS response services. The Suisun City Fire Department is now carrying state-of-the-art medical equipment on our apparatus to include Zoll Cardiac Monitors, digital laryngoscopes, electric IO drills, and many other tools to ensure that our highly trained paramedics can deliver excellent medical care to every patient we encounter.

What is Advanced Life Support (ALS)

Advanced Life Support (ALS) is a set of enhanced life-saving protocols, enhanced scope of practice, and elevated medical skillsets that extend beyond the Basic Life Support (BLS) that was previously provided by the Suisun City Fire Department. The ALS paramedic staff are able to provide urgent, advanced medical interventions and treatments during medical emergencies such as cardiac arrests, strokes, overdoses, traumatic injuries, and other life-threatening conditions. Our Suisun City Fire Department will now be able to intubate, push lifesaving narcotics and medications, start IV's, ECG cardiac monitoring, identify strokes, and many other advanced medical interventions and skillsets. Early ALS intervention by paramedics is a crucial part of the American Heart Association's Chain of Survival. It is proven that with early access to ALS protocols, the survival rate of a cardiac arrest patients is increased.



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SCFD Fire Chief, Justin Vincent stated, “This is a historic day for the Suisun City Fire Department. Suisun City Fire Department has a 159-year history of providing excellent customer service to the citizens and visitors of Suisun City. As the Fire Chief and a resident of Suisun City, I am dedicated to ensuring that our highly-skilled fire department has the training, tools, and personnel to ensure that we strive to meet the needs and expectations of our community. I am pleased to announce that we have accomplished our strategic goal of elevating the level of healthcare we provide our community to Advanced Life Support, Paramedic. With this designation for Suisun City Fire Department, every city in Solano County now has paramedic level service provided by their respective municipal fire agency. Additionally, the residents of Suisun City will have better outcomes to their medical emergencies with our paramedic level staff working side-by-side with Medic Ambulance to provide the highest quality care possible for our community.”

Mayor Lori Wilson stated, “In early 2019, Council began to make a long overdue investment in our Fire Department to ensure the safety of residents in hopes they would experience the same quality of care as neighboring cities. Reaching the milestone of providing ALS is not only demonstrative of this worthwhile endeavor but also the hard work of the City Manager Greg Folsom, Chief Vincent, and the men and women of the Suisun City Fire Department.”

President COO Jim Pierson stated: “We congratulate Suisun City FD on the implementation of their Paramedic program. We cherish our long-standing relationship with Suisun City. Medic and Suisun have continually collaborated to improve our community, by ensuring access to public AED Devices in city facilities and LUCAS automated CPR devices for our caregivers. Suisun FD and Medic provide exemplary medical services to Suisun City and Solano County residents and we celebrate with our partners on this historic day. “

It is an honor and a privilege for the brave men and women of Suisun City Fire Department to announce our local medical accreditation and we look forward to continuing our history of excellent customer service with this new elevated level of healthcare provided.

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