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Burleson Fire offers additional life-saving services

The department began offering Advanced Life Support on July 19.

Burleson Fire Department is pleased to announce that the department began offering Advanced Life Support (ALS) services on July 19.

“This is quite an accomplishment for the Burleson Fire Department,” said fire chief K.T. Freeman. “It reflects the dedication our department and City Council has to continuously improving and upgrading the department.”

The Burleson Fire Department previously offered Basic Life Support (BLS), with MedStar Mobile Healthcare providing ALS. There are 16 paramedics/firefighters that are divided amongst the shifts and they will now be able to provide critical patients with advanced care before a MedStar ambulance arrives.

“ALS is a higher level of care,” said captain/paramedic Casey Davis. “It will allow us administer the different medications such as the first round of cardiac arrest drugs, pain medications and sedation medications, along with cardiac monitoring and advanced airway intubation.”

“This has been a long process,” said Davis, who headed up the project for the Burleson Fire Department. “Training of staff started at the beginning of the year and we have had to purchase equipment and add new policies and protocols.”

Keeping our residents staff and being able to offer top-notch care to them in an emergency is the department’s number one priority.

“The timing and leadership are right for our department to add this service for our residents,” said Davis. “I couldn’t be happier to bring this to our citizens.”

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