## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

The Ludlow Fire Department is very proud to be providing the highest level of prehospital emergency care to the Town of Ludlow. The Department was licensed paramedic level in 1997. Today the department operates with thirteen EMT/Paramedics two EMT/Intermediates and eleven EMT/Basics. Kent Doyle is the departments EMS Coordinator and Susan McCombe operates as ALS Coordinator (Advanced Life Support).

The department has two ambulances equipped at the paramedic level. The department responds to emergencies in town and is also available for mutual-aid and intercepts. An intercept is when an ambulance is operating at a lower level of care is met up with another ambulance at a higher level of care, the technician of higher level will board the ambulance with equipment and assist to the hospital.

At the Advanced Level Service which the department operates, paramedics are equipped and trained on the administration of many types of medications and procedures both on adults and children. This includes treating problems ranging from pain management, cardiac, respiratory complications and trauma, to name a few. The department is capable of cardiac monitoring, the administration of IV's, and advanced airway management. These are just a few examples of pre-hospital intervention that is done en-route to the hospital by the members of the department.