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50th ANNIVERSARY FOR LIFESAVERS



(Comptroller John Kennedy and Legislator Leslie Kennedy with volunteers from CVAC)

August 20th, 2016 – Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps (CVAC) celebrated their 50th anniversary this Saturday with a parade and a barbeque. Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had the privilege of celebrating their 50 years of first response Saturday

evening and presented them with a proclamation with the Legislative seal fixed upon it to commemorate their longevity of service to this community.

Community minded individuals from Commack founded CVAC in 1966, they wanted to address the emergency medical needs of the area which at the time was a community that was growing quickly into the suburban enclave it is today, the first vehicle they purchased in 1966 was an old style Cadillac ambulance.

By 1973 the organization had adopted a 24 hour response system so that no matter what the hour they were always on call, by 1980 they had added a youth squad to their ambulance corps of about 40 teenagers, to this day CVAC has a very active youth squad.

Today they operate four Advance Life Support ambulances and 5 Advanced Life Support First Responder Trucks that run 24/7, they respond to more than 3,300 alarms per year. In addition to medical emergencies CVAC is active in their community teaching CPR and First Aid to the public. CVAC also hosts a 5k run and a toy drive.

"These volunteers having been saving lives for fifty years now, this is an amazing accomplishment, and an amazing group of people, this organization deserves to be commended for their work throughout the years." said Legislator Kennedy "I was truly honored to be able to celebrate this milestone with such incredible volunteers."

For any questions about this event or other events feel free to contact Leslie Kennedy's office at (631) 854-3735, and don't hesitate to reach us online at Leslie.kennedy@suffolkcountyny.gov or facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy.

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