

ISLIPS NETWORK TO PROVIDE COVERAGE

With the budget crunch and fewer volunteers available during work hours, many communities in both Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, as well as many others across the state and throughout the nation, have long had a challenging time staffing daytime weekday emergency ambulances.

In the fall of 2009 the Islips Ambulance Chiefs Association ALS tactical ambulance began operation. Each of the five VAS' in the Town of Islip provides a crew including an AEMT-CC or paramedic to staff an ambulance from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM on a particular day each week [e.g. Monday - Bay Shore, Tuesday – Sayville, Wednesday – Central Islip, Thursday – Exchange and Friday – Brentwood] to respond to any of the VAS' calls when a volunteer crew may not be available.