

We are pleased to announce that firefighters from the Fire Department will be able to act as Level 2 First Responders (PR-2), in July 2022.

Two PR-2 firefighters per shift will allow a rapid response for people struggling with cardiorespiratory arrest, anaphylactic shock or any other traumatic situation. This will significantly increase the chances of survival.



In the presence of a cardio-respiratory arrest, it is necessary to act quickly, because the chances of survival of a victim decrease with each minute that passes without intervention. Through this service, rapid access to defibrillation considerably increases the chances of survival for patients. First responders will be able to quickly intervene when a cardio-respiratory arrest is reported, while the ambulance services are on site and take over.

Brownsburg-Chatham will bring to 24 the number of municipalities served by a first responder service in the Laurentians region. This service is in addition to the eight ambulance companies already in place, in order to better serve the population of the territory.

Initial 32-hour training and recognition of prior learning leading to PR-2 certification were provided by paramedic-instructors from the coordination of pre-hospital emergency services of the CISSS des Laurentides. This team also ensures the continuous improvement of the quality of interventions and periodic training follow-up. First responders must participate in two upgrades per year of four hours each.

This is excellent news for the safety of all citizens!