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'9-1-1' stars Angela Bassett, Jennifer Love Hewitt can't believe the 'crazy' 100th episode

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LOS ANGELES – In the first season of "9-1-1," Angela Bassett fielded calls about tanning bed burns and seven-foot tapeworms.

Six years later, those feel like small potatoes compared to more recent catastrophes facing her unflappable police sergeant Athena Nash, who has weathered earthquakes, landslides and tsunamis throughout the soapy procedural drama, which moved from Fox to ABC for Season 7.

Looking back, "that feels very calm and manageable," Bassett says with a laugh, seated on a soundstage between takes last month. "Some of these set pieces are so humungous now. It's exciting."

Co-created by Ryan Murphy, the hit "9-1-1" was renewed Tuesday for an eighth season. The show celebrates its 100th episode Thursday (8 EDT/PDT) in a crossover with ABC's dating competition "The Bachelor." The episode, titled "Buck Bothered and Bewildered," features latest bachelor Joey Graziadei, and finds the fire department responding to an emergency call from the iconic Bachelor Mansion.

The "9-1-1" cast and creative team marked the episodic milestone last month with a cake-cutting ceremony on set.

The seven-season run has flown by for Bassett, who earned an honorary Oscar in January. "It doesn't feel like we're anywhere near 100," she says. "But I'm still enjoying it and still loving it."