

## PARAMEDIC CHIEFS OF CANADA PROCLAIM

## May 22nd to May 28th, 2016 - Paramedic Services Week

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The Paramedic Chiefs of Canada officially proclaim May 22-May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, National Paramedic Services Week. This week salutes the paramedics of Canada's Paramedic Services. In celebration of the lifelong dedication to their work that keep Canadians safe every day, we officially recognize this week as an opportunity to provide our Paramedic services across the country an chance to proudly showcase their profession.

This year's National theme is 'Paramedics – Enhancing Care, Changing lives'.

Paramédics: Améliorer les soins – changer des vies. Whether full-time or part-time, rural or urban, ground, air, or industrial based, in the emergency room or a community emergency centre, Paramedics across Canada are available and ready to respond to emergencies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Adopting innovative programs, such as Community Paramedicine, designed to reduce strain on health care systems by treating patients in their own homes, truly demonstrates Paramedics enhancing care.

The Paramedic Chiefs of Canada represents the leadership for over 30,000 paramedics from coast to coast. Paramedics are the third largest health care provider group in Canada. They serve on the front lines of health care in every community across our nation providing essential care. They are a reliable and constant presence in Canada's remote rural areas as well as our largest urban cities. Every day, the efforts of our frontline Paramedics, Communications staff, and support staff make a difference to someone in their community.

The Paramedic Chiefs of Canada President, Randy Mellow states, "Paramedics in Canada are highly skilled, professional and dedicated individuals who are protecting the public safety and communities across the country"

On behalf of the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, I am proud to officially proclaim May 22nd-May 28th, 2016 *National Paramedic Services Week.*"

Numerous activities are planned for paramedic services across the country highlighting the work of our Paramedics. Please join us applauding the outstanding work of our Paramedics across the country.

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