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### **Northwest Emergency Medical Services promoting out-of-hospital care during Paramedic Services Week**

Paramedic Services Week is May 27 to June 2, and Northwest Emergency Medical Services (NWEMS) is excited about promoting the theme Paramedics: Health-Community-You.

“I am incredibly proud of the dedication that our paramedics show in providing quality medical care to people in the Kenora District. These individuals often work tirelessly as unsung heroes in emergencies, but heroes none the less to the people they help on a daily bases,” says Andrew Tickner, Director/Chief of Emergency Medical Services. He continues, “We are proud to say that the Kenora District Paramedics are some of the most advanced and skilled Primary Care Paramedics in the province and we are celebrating Paramedic Services Week this year by highlighting the out-of-hospital care efforts we undertake every day.”

To meet the ever-increasing improvements in medical care and community needs: the Kenora District Services Board Paramedics are continually being asked to increase their knowledge and skills; are involved in a variety of local community events and; are working continuously with our allied agencies to provide the right care at the right time.

The Kenora District Services Board Paramedics provide pre-hospital care in our local communities with a coverage area of approximately 110,000 square kilometers. This care is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 21 ambulances and approximately 130 Primary Care Paramedics based in 9 communities within the district. The average call volume for NWEMS is about 13,500 calls for service a year, and this is steadily growing at a rate of approximately 10% per year.

Additional information about Paramedic Services Week and this year’s theme is available here: <https://www.paramedicchiefs.ca/paramedic-services-week-2018>.

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