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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Paramedics celebrate EMS week by raising funds for Carleton Place Hospital Foundation

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that the Lanark County Ambulance Service has donated \$400 to the ongoing equipment needs of the hospital. The funds were collected when paramedic Marty McKittrick decided to display an ambulance to the community and invited donations for the hospital during Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week. EMS week was held from May 17 – 23.



Paramedics Marty McKittrick and Liz McDonald with a cheque representing the funds raised to celebrate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week.

“EMS week is an opportunity for paramedics to show the community what we do on a daily basis”, stated Mr. McKittrick, Paramedic with Lanark County Ambulance Service. “Since we normally spend a lot of time around the hospital, I thought it would be a good idea to plan an activity that would help raise money for the hospital. I am pleased with what we were able to achieve and I would like to thank the community for making this donation possible.”

“On behalf of the Hospital and the Foundation I would like to thank Marty for organizing this event on our behalf,” stated Chantelle Troy, Manager/Community Relations Officer for the CPDMH Foundation. “I would also like to thank all the paramedics associated with Lanark County Ambulance Service for the very important work they do on a daily basis within our community.”

EMS week is dedicated to celebrating the achievements of the men and women who daily, are on the front lines within the EMS community. These men and women who are first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and emergency medical dispatchers, deliver life saving skills to people daily. With advances in modern technology, exciting new medical procedures, and dedication to countless hours of skilled training, the emergency room on wheels will arrive at any scene of an emergency incident prepared to provide essential life saving skills and treatment.

The Lanark County Ambulance Service operates from four bases located in Almonte, Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls. The service provides 24-hour pre-hospital basic life support emergency and non-emergency care and transportation to and between hospitals for individuals experiencing injury or

illness. All bases are staffed with one twenty four hour vehicle in Carleton Place, Almonte, Perth and Smiths Falls with a second vehicle on days in Carleton Place, Perth & Smiths Falls.

Lanark County Ambulance Service has 40 full-time staff and 35 part-time staff. In 2008, the Ambulance Service responded to 14,239 calls, including 1,858 calls in Carleton Place, with an average response time of 17 minutes.

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