



Manitoba Paramedics... Responding for Life

May 14th – 20th, 2006 is Emergency Medical Services Awareness Week

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba (PAM) is the professional association for registered paramedics licensed to practice in this province. Representing both rural and urban practitioners, we strive to promote excellence in pre-hospital emergency health care and within our profession.

Throughout the years we have seen many progressive changes within our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system. Today, many paramedics have between 2 and 3 years of post-secondary education and are providing a high level of care to Manitobans. Some people use the analogy "We bring the Emergency room to your living room" and "We are the eyes, the ears and the hands of the emergency room physician."

As front-line paramedics we recognize that ambulance service has evolved into an integral component of a comprehensive health care system. Every year paramedics respond to approximately 115,000 health emergencies throughout Manitoba. Everyday paramedics support patients in the continuum of care between health care facilities and Manitoba's centers of excellence.

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba advocates on behalf of Manitobans for excellence in patient care. We are working to strengthen the efficiencies of our EMS system.

It is with this in mind that we ask you to review the enclosed information relating to issues important to the Paramedic Association of Manitoba. Within this information package you will find documentation outlining our recommendations on the following:

- Self-regulation of paramedics
- Service Delivery Model - implementing an efficient and effective service

For more information please feel free to contact us. We would be pleased to assist you in any inquire regarding paramedicine in Manitoba.

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