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Medical Transportation Coordination Centre (MTCC) Key First Step to Improved Emergency Medical Services in Manitoba

2005/03/30 – Today’s announcement by Health Minister Tim Sale outlining the proposed Medical Transportation Coordination Centre is good news for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in Manitoba, according to Eric Glass, Chairman of the Paramedic Association of Manitoba.

“For years now, paramedics in Manitoba have stressed the need for improvements within the EMS system”, says Glass, “especially in terms of how our ambulances are dispatched. All too often, regional boundaries dictate which ambulance will respond to an emergency call instead of sending the closest, most appropriate paramedics. The MTCC will have the ability to ensure that the utilization of our EMS resources is coordinated province-wide, and that has the potential to improve service to patients throughout Manitoba.”

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba had been encouraging the Government to move swiftly on the development of the MTCC since the concept was announced in the 2000 Provincial Budget. In a submission presented to the MTCC Project Consultant in 2002, the Paramedic Association of Manitoba outlined the need for more effective dispatch of ambulances across regional boundaries utilizing Automated Vehicle Locator equipment and GPS technology, the potential system benefits associated with centralized data collection, and the potential for improved patient care associated with medical triage and

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba represents the professional interests of Emergency Medical Services practitioners to ensure the well-being and appropriate medical treatment of patients.

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