

# Michigan man praises EMS ambulance crew efforts

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GORE BAY—A Michigan man is very grateful for the prompt and effective services provided by local EMS ambulance operators in responding to an emergency call of an injured member of his hunt party during the annual deer gun hunt on Manitoulin Island.

"I have a camp at the end of Walker Road (just outside of Gore Bay) and on the Thursday afternoon of the hunt one of the members of our hunt party went over a slight hill and fell off of his ATV, which rolled over on his leg," explained Bob Laurie of Michigan, in an interview with the Recorder. "I went back to the camp and called 911 and two female EMS ambulance

attendants based out of the Gore Bay area responded very quickly. When they got here they had to slog their way through a bush trail about two-and-a-half-feet high, with mud, brush and water to get to him. They were very professional and called all the shots in getting my friend, a 250-pound man, up the hill and onto a cart and then into the ambulance."

"The two EMS girls were soaking wet by the end of it and it was cold," said Mr. Laurie. "He was about one-quarter of a mile from our camp. He explained Don McGill had been driving his ATV on the trail when the accident occurred.

Mr. Laurie explained, "both of Don's knees are replacements, made of titanium, and we know there

was a big chip taken out of the big bone from the hip to the knee in the accident. One of our party from Michigan felt that the knee had become dislodged. I don't know, he was taken to a local hospital on the Island and then from there to a local hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan."

"The girls from the EMS were very quick to respond," stated Mr. Laurie. "I was just talking to the girl on 911 and it was not long after the conversation that the ambulance and the EMS workers were here." He pointed out the accident took place at about 3-3:30 pm in the afternoon. "When I talked to Don on Sunday, he was telling me the doctors have to do a complete knee replacement, the third time on his leg."



**Local emergency ambulance workers assist Michigan resident Don McGill, who was injured in an accident that took place in an area just outside of Gore Bay, during the annual Manitoulin deer gun hunt, in November.**