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Internal EMS Memorandum

TO: All Paramedics

FROM: Les Gamble, Chair of Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

DATE: May 28, 2015

RE: EMS Week

On behalf of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board of Directors, I would like to offer our gratitude for the continued service you provide to the citizens of our communities.

We know that every Paramedic who works in our area puts in long hours and often sleepless nights taking care of the needs of our communities and meeting our DSB's mission. We know that you are dedicated, we know that you care, and we also know that you don't get the amount of thanks that you deserve most of the time.

Recognizing EMS Week is a time to contemplate the work of Paramedic, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you". Thank you for your time, your dedication, your caring, compassion, and your devotion to patient care. Thank you for working long shifts often longer than expected which takes time away from your families. Thank you for comforting the community. Thank you for your bravery and risking your safety. Thank you for your commitment.

EMS Week is an opportunity for the public to recognize what we do out there every day. What you do is important. EMS is a necessary service that is vital for our communities; Paramedics are the healthcare safety net for all of us. You are there for our citizens in need, on their terms, giving them the best that you have to offer, doing what's best for them. We should all use this week to reinforce that, and to improve our relationship within our communities.

In closing, please know that no matter what happens, we know that you work hard and that you care about the job you do. We know what you are accomplishing out there and we give you our sincerest respect. From the Board of Directors, thank you for the continued service to our communities.

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

Les Gamble

Chair of Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board