



MEDIA RELEASE

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SALUTING A TRUE LEADER

Ed McPherson, Chief of the Lanark County Paramedic Service (LCPS), is retiring on February 29th. He leaves a legacy that includes a strong commitment to high quality care for patients in Lanark County, to progressive enhancement of clinical skills within the Service and to the welfare and well-being of our paramedics.

Originally a member of the ambulance service in Perth, Chief McPherson also held various training and education positions with the Ministry of Health Emergency Health Services Branch (Ambulance) over a 20-year period. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in May 2005 and became Chief in April 2013.

“Under Ed’s leadership, LCPS has introduced Advanced Care Paramedicine and Community Paramedicine, implemented a patient satisfaction survey and developed a comprehensive program to support mental health amongst our paramedics,” notes Mary Wilson Trider, President and CEO. “He should be very proud of the organization he has built. We wish him well on his retirement.”

Lanark County Warden Brian Campbell agrees: “Lanark County Council congratulates Chief McPherson on his retirement and thanks him for his outstanding service to the people of Lanark County. Under his leadership he oversaw the implementation of a myriad of improvements that make LCPS second to none.”

One of Ed’s greatest achievements was being awarded the Major-General Richard Rhomer Commendation, where he was recognized for “having brought significant and meritorious credit to the profession of paramedicine in the Province of Ontario”.

Lanark County Paramedic Service (LCPS) is operated by Almonte General Hospital under contract with the County of Lanark. LCPS is the sole provider of emergency medical response within the County of Lanark – a service district encompassing 3,074 square kilometres with a population of 57,000 people.

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