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WE'VE MOVED IN!

Local paramedics have a wonderful new place to call home thanks to great collaboration between local health and community partners. The Lanark County Paramedic Services (LCPS), operated by Almonte General Hospital, has moved into its new base and administration headquarters in Montague Township.

“We want to thank the Lanark County Council for supporting our paramedics and helping to create this wonderful new facility,” says Mary Wilson Trider, President and CEO of Almonte General Hospital.

The new base features a new training centre, a dedicated contamination garage and a safer, more efficient work environment. “Perhaps just as important, the base recognizes the unique and stressful job that our paramedics perform every day. It provides a modern, comfortable space for them to return to after each call,” notes Mary Wilson Trider.

“The completion of this project once again demonstrates the excellent working relationship between the Almonte General Hospital and Lanark County Council. Together they have improved the ability of the Paramedic Service to deliver the high level of service that our citizens have come to expect,” adds LCPS Chief Ed McPherson.

The LCPS is part of the health hub at Almonte General Hospital. The 90 paramedics who provide ambulance and rescue services across Lanark County are employees of the hospital. The LCPS provides emergency response for an area encompassing almost 3,000 square kilometres with a population of 65,000. It responds to more than 8,000 patient-carrying calls each year.

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Shown at the new base are (l-r): Ed McPherson, Chief, Lanark County Paramedic Service; Bill Dobson, Warden, Lanark County and Reeve, Montague Township; Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO, Almonte General Hospital; Kurt Greaves, Chief Administrative Officer, Lanark County; Rob Acheson, Field Manager, Emergency Health Services Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and David Gemmill, Deputy Chief Operations, Frontenac Paramedic Services.