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## Going 'Above and Beyond' is Just Another Day at Work Paramedics Services Week - May 23 to 29

**North Bay, ON:** The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is taking the opportunity of Paramedics Services Week to celebrate the work that Paramedics perform for our communities and for the many people helped by them. While the dedication and sacrifice of Paramedics is recognized each year, 2021 will stand out for years to come.

"The positive impact that Nipissing District Paramedics have on the health of our district's residents and their ongoing contribution to society as a public safety agency can easily be measured, but this past year has been a period of unbelievable impact on everyone. Paramedics have stepped forward as key members in the front line response against the COVID-19, and this exceptional effort must be acknowledged," says DNSSAB Board Chair Mark King.

Since the spring of 2020, everyone has been asked to do their part; to stay home, to socially distance, and to protect each other from this deadly disease. At the same time, Paramedics have been asked to leave their families and go out into the community – anytime, anywhere – to help those in need. Paramedics accept this risk, and demonstrate their commitment to save lives and protect us all. Beyond the normal workload, Nipissing Paramedics are collaborating with health system partners, performing COVID-19 testing and delivering vaccinations in large scale clinics and for those unable to leave home.

Nipissing Paramedics provide emergency services for everyone in the District, but they go beyond this to make a difference. Paramedics are involved in public education, in the development and oversight of Public Access Defibrillation, and in the delivery of Community Paramedicine for vulnerable citizens – all to help make healthier communities and ensure public safety.

Thank you for a job well done!

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