



PARAMEDICS SAVE LIVES

What municipalities need to know:

Last year Ontario paramedics answered 3,500 emergency calls a day. Paramedics are, by far, the most cost-efficient life-savers.

Everyday, the emergency medical care provided by highly skilled paramedics, makes the difference between life and death for people in municipalities across Ontario.

Over the last two decades paramedic practice; education; medical expertise; and on-going training has changed and expanded considerably.

All our communities benefit greatly from the advanced medical training of our paramedics.

We respectfully urge municipalities to focus on providing top quality paramedic services—avoid creating extra financial burdens on already over-stretched budgets; and encourage the rational redistribution of work to continue.

Paramedics deliver quality care:

- Paramedics perform more controlled medical acts than any other health care professional — except physicians.
- Paramedics are highly regulated and have multiple layers of oversight and quality assurance.
- This level of oversight and control is missing from fire trucks and firefighters doing EMS calls.

Fire vehicle costs are 50% higher, per hour of operation, than the costs of ambulance service.

Putting one fire vehicle in operation for a year (24/7) costs about \$900,000 more for the taxpayer than an ambulance.

