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## **Yukon EMS profiled during Paramedic Services Week**

WHITEHORSE—As part of Paramedic Services Week (#psweek2014) Community Services is profiling Yukon Emergency Medical Services (EMS) practitioners on Twitter and Facebook.

"On behalf of the Government of Yukon, I want to take this opportunity to thank Yukon's Emergency Medical Services team for their commitment and dedication to keeping Yukoners safe," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "Whether full-time or volunteer, our paramedics, medevac crews, critical care nurses and emergency response coordination officers are always ready to provide skilled and compassionate care in times of need."

National Paramedic Services Week (May 25 to 31) recognizes the contributions made by EMS workers to their profession and their communities. This year's theme is 'Our Family Caring for Yours!' It speaks to the community of paramedics who, according to the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, make up the third largest health care provider group in the country.

Yukon EMS, operating within the Government of Yukon's Protective Services branch, responds to more than 7,000 medical calls per year. There are 72 full-time paramedics and more than 155 volunteers territory-wide.

Yukoners can learn more about EMS workers by visiting:

Yukon EMS: [www.community.gov.yk.ca/consumer/ems\\_events.html](http://www.community.gov.yk.ca/consumer/ems_events.html).

Twitter: **@CSYukon** and using **#psweek2014**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YukonEMS>

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