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DATE: September 11, 2013

REPORT TITLE: **PARAMEDIC EXEMPLARY SERVICES AWARDS**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To recognize seven Peel Paramedics who were awarded the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Medal on September 26, 2013 by Major General Richard Rohmer.

#### **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seven Peel Paramedics have been recognized for their dedication and exemplary manner.
- Exemplary Service Medals were awarded by Major General Richard Rohmer on September 26, 2013.
- Only 1,600 Paramedics in Ontario have been awarded this distinguished honour.

### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the Canadian Honours Programme, the Governor General makes available Exemplary Service Medals for Paramedic professionals. The Award was created in 1994 and is available to eligible members of the pre-hospital emergency medical services who have served for at least twenty years in a meritorious manner. It recognizes those professionals who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by the highest standards of good conduct, commitment and efficiency. To qualify, at least ten of these years of service must have been street level duty involving potential risk to the individual.

Every September the medal is presented to a select group of Paramedics from Ontario at the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs annual conference and general meetings. Of the 6,000 paramedics across the province only about 1,600 have received this prestigious award.

On September 26, 2013 seven Peel Paramedics were awarded this medal by Major General Richard Rohmer, honorary Chief of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs:

- Dan Martin (Posthumous)
- Carol Murray
- Tracy Renaud
- Bill Bernath
- Steven Sutton
- Jeremy Asselbergs

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- Verena Jones

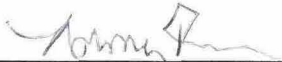
These seven individuals have not only met the criteria established for the recipients, they are contributing to the development of our local programs and improvements that are making our service one of the best in North America.

The award recipients are to be recognized at the October 10, 2013 Council meeting.



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**Approved for Submission:**



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