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**KDSB Northwest Emergency Medical Services is ‘Paramedic as Educator-Citizen Ready’
during Paramedic Services Week**

Paramedic Services Week is May 23 – May 29, and KDSB Northwest Emergency Medical Services (NWEMS) is proud to promote the theme: ‘Paramedic as Educator – Citizen Ready’.

NWEMS paramedics provide compassionate emergency medical care for those who call 9-1-1 in the District of Kenora. Paramedics also play a significant role in public education and promoting healthy communities.

“NWEMS initiated its Community Paramedicine Program in 2021. Community Paramedics provide in-home visits to patients with high-risk conditions following discharge from hospital care. These paramedics ensure that the patient is connected to supports and services required to manage chronic disease, practice injury prevention, and reduce the risk of hospital readmission,” says Andrew Tickner, Director and Chief of Emergency Medical Services of the KDSB. He continues, “I am incredibly appreciative of our EMS staff. NWEMS paramedics work hard to provide the best outcome for patients in our District. Our paramedics and EMS staff face each day and situation with kindness, empathy, and the utmost professionalism.”

“KDSB is immensely proud of its Northwest EMS staff as they implement life-saving and life-changing care in our communities. These individuals go above and beyond every single day when responding to an emergency call or a scheduled at-home visit. It is an honour to work with so many passionate and knowledgeable professionals,” says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB.

The practice of paramedicine, particularly during the COVID-19 Pandemic, provides many challenges but also offers many reasons to celebrate. Additional information about Paramedic Services Week and this year’s theme is available here:

<https://www.paramedicchiefs.ca/paramedic-services-week-2021/>.

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