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DTSSAB Partners with Province to Enhance Emergency Response

The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) announced today the addition of two new specialty fleet vehicles to its Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Timiskaming MPP, David Ramsay and DTSSAB Board Chair, Norm Menard, were equally pleased with this 50/50 cost sharing opportunity.

The purchase of two Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) is a bold step forward that helps the EMS service to achieve quicker response times to medical emergencies. Stationed in Temiskaming Shores and Kirkland Lake these two vehicles will be operated by Paramedic Supervisors and will be equipped with life saving equipment similar to an ambulance. In cases where a delay in ambulance response is anticipated, the 911 ambulance dispatch centre will send the closest ERV to the scene allowing the Paramedic on board to begin life saving procedures sooner.

The unique design and colour of these vehicle helps to make their special purpose recognizable and enhance safety on the road.

Also purchased was one of three four wheel drive ambulances presently in service within the District of Timiskaming. This type of ambulance provides for more road stability and traction during harsh winter conditions, helping to ensure that the Paramedics reach the patient. These 4x4 ambulances are unique to Northern Ontario with DTSSAB being only one of a few services with this type of fleet.

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