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to transplant hospitals or to one of Toronto's airports for delivery outside of the GTA.

Toronto EMS recently delivered a heart from one Toronto hospital to the transplant centre at another where an anxious patient waited for the gift of life.

"Toronto EMS is honoured to work with Trillium Gift of Life Network. Our paramedics are proud to be an integral part of the TGLN team that saves and enhances lives in Ontario," says Garrie Wright, Toronto EMS Deputy Chief Operations.

TGLN depends on all its partners in a complex and time sensitive process that saves lives every day: hospitals who notify us of potential organ donors; advocates who help raise awareness; emergency medical personnel who work with us to transport organs for transplant; and the public who can help us save more lives by registering their consent to organ and tissue donation.

Register today at www.beadonor.ca, at any ServiceOntario Centre or by completing a Gift of Life consent form through the mail.



TPA PATCH

Brian Annett

The days are warmer and a long winter is finally behind us. The TPA has been busy educating the public on what paramedicine is all about. We were present in the legislature at Queen's Park to meet with MPP Frank Klees who was instrumental in pushing forth Bill 15. On December 11, 2013 the First Responders Day Act was passed into law by the Ontario Legislature. It defined First responders as "those men and women who, in the early stages of an emergency, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment. They include police officers, firefighters, military

personnel, paramedics, medical evacuation pilots, dispatchers, nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians and emergency managers."

The act has proclaimed May 1st of every year, First Responders Day. The TPA was present with many other services and had the opportunity to describe to those in the Legislature what paramedics do on a daily basis. It was a great event to increase awareness of the jobs we perform for the citizens in our prospective regions. We looked forward to building on the success of this day.

Another important venture we have been pleased to be a part of is the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Ride. This ride was created to help fund a monument to recognize fallen paramedics and is to be placed on Parliament Hill. This is the second year of the ride and we will be hosting a launch party at Yonge Dundas Square, in downtown Toronto on September 19, 2014. We look forward to this date; go to paramedic.ca for further information.



Calvin's wallet.

TPA member Calvin Kwok has designed a pretty nifty little wallet. For more info:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1532502192/the-slide-wallet-by-stitch-and-locke>

The TPA wishes everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!



By Rebecca Thomas

The spring has been very busy with Paramedic Week wrapping up the spring events as we

head into our busy season of increased tourists throughout Northumberland and summer fun.

In April a group of Northumberland Paramedic staff entered into the annual Bowl for Big Brothers and Big Sisters raising \$550 for the local organization.

Leading up to Paramedic week in May we attended numerous events.

- May 7th was McHappy Day with a few of our paramedics going out to help serve coffee in support of this fundraiser at the Cobourg McDonald's.
- On May 12th Laurie McKenna and I showed up at the Cobourg Early Years Centre. Laurie and I did a short presentation about Paramedics and what we do to the preschool kids, following that they lined up to see the ambulance. My 1.5 year old son has become quite acquainted with the ambulance so as I sat him in the front seat he proceeded to turn on the lights and hit the siren a few times before finding the cell phone and babbling away on it while Laurie and I showed the kids through the front and back of the ambulance. The kids thoroughly enjoyed this show and tell time.



- During Alnwick-Haldimand Fire Departments medical training on May 14th Bob Cranley showed up with one of our newer ambulances. We have been trying to get out throughout our county to all the volunteer fire departments to show the fire fighters how to properly and safely load/unload our stretcher with the new Stat Trac system and our new stair chair. This helps us on those "hot" calls when all extra hands help. Once again this was a very well received and appreciated visit by the fire department.
- Cobourg East High school held their annual pre prom event for their senior students on May 15th. Every year they bring in the local



First Responders Day.

