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Manitoba Paramedics Mourn Deceased Colleague

2008/09/19 – Paramedics across Manitoba were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of a fellow paramedic killed last night (September 18th) in a highway collision near Langruth, Manitoba. The deceased, whose name will not be released at the request of the family, was a paramedic employed by the Central Region Health Authority. On his way home after working his shift as a paramedic on an ambulance stationed within the Central Region, he died when his vehicle collided head-on with oncoming traffic that apparently swerved to avoid wildlife on the highway.

“A tragedy like this sends shock waves throughout the paramedic community”, says Eric Glass, Chairman of the Paramedic Association of Manitoba. “Although we deal with life and death situations everyday, the death of another paramedic killed in such a tragic way is difficult for us all. On behalf of the Paramedic Association of Manitoba I want to extend our most sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues, as well as the paramedics who were witness to this tragedy when they arrived on scene. It’s a very emotional time for everyone.”

The deceased was also a very proud member of the newly formed Manitoba Paramedic Honour Guard (MPHG). “Our colleague’s death is especially difficult for his fellow Honour Guard members”, said Diane Findlay, MPHG Commander. “The Honour Guard was formed to pay tribute to our extended emergency services family members across the country killed in duty related incidents and accidents. You certainly never stop to think that it could actually happen to one of your own right here at home”.

Paramedics across the province are being encouraged by the Paramedic Association of Manitoba to wear black ribbons on their uniforms in memory of their fallen colleague.

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba is the professional association for registered paramedics licensed to practice in Manitoba, promoting excellence in pre-hospital emergency medical care.

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