



The Regional Municipality of Durham Health Department

News Release

Region of Durham paramedics take home first place in National Paramedic Competition

Whitby, Ontario, April 12, 2018 – Two paramedics from Region of Durham Paramedic Services, Dale Button and Matt Walton, were named champions of the advanced care paramedics division of the National Paramedic Competition, held at Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan, on April 7. This competition featured teams from across Canada challenging each other in one of three divisions: advanced care paramedic, primary care paramedic and primary care student.

The National Paramedic Competition began in 2001 with the aim of showcasing the skills of paramedics in Ontario. Since then, the event has grown to feature many teams from across Canada. This one-day competition features six events and includes a written exam and simulations of real life emergency medical and trauma calls.

"Dale and Matt have proven that they are two of the best paramedics in the country, which makes RDPS very proud." said Paramedic Services Chief Troy Cheseboro. "While we congratulate Dale and Matt for their remarkable accomplishment, RDPS is also just as proud of all of our paramedics who provide exemplary service to Durham Region residents on a daily basis."

Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) is a division of Durham Region Health Department. As one of the largest paramedic services in Ontario, RDPS is the sole certified ambulance operator for the Region of Durham. The service consists of a team of advanced care and primary care paramedics, operating out of 11 paramedic stations located throughout the Region.

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