HALTON DONATES MEDICAL VEHICLES TO ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

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Halton Region Paramedic Services has donated two of its vehicles to the local branch of St. John Ambulance Canada.

The region has provided the first aid charity with one decommissioned ambulance and one emergency response vehicle that will be used by the Oakville-Milton and Halton Hills branch to provide medical support for residents attending community events in Halton.

"We are grateful to have community partners like St. John Ambulance Canada who help provide essential first aid and medical assistance at community events across Halton," said Halton Region Paramedic Services chief/director Greg Sage.

"On behalf of Halton Region Paramedic Services, I am pleased that we are able to donate these two vehicles to support our local St. John Ambulance Canada branches and provide lifesaving care when residents may need it most."

Decommissioned vehicles are typically five years old and have travelled between 225,000 and 275,000 kilometres. These vehicles have completed their useful life cycle with Halton Region Paramedic Services, but can still operate at full capacity to meet the needs of St. John Ambulance.

"Having such wonderful community partners like Halton Region allows St. John Ambulance to expand our medical first responder program outreach

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into the Halton community," said Tim Bauer, executive director of St. John Ambulance Halton-Hamilton.

"Our mandate at St. John Ambulance is 'saving lives at home, work and play.' Halton Region's generous donation of two vehicles in support of our program allows our volunteer teams to provide first aid coverage at hundreds of community events every year in Halton. Our sincerest thanks to the Halton Region for their continued support."

Since 2000, Halton Region has donated 17 decommissioned vehicles to local St. John Ambulance branches. Ambulances have also been donated to various charities for use in Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, South Sudan and Ukraine.

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