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Understanding the Role of CDSB for Future Municipal Leaders

Paramedic Services

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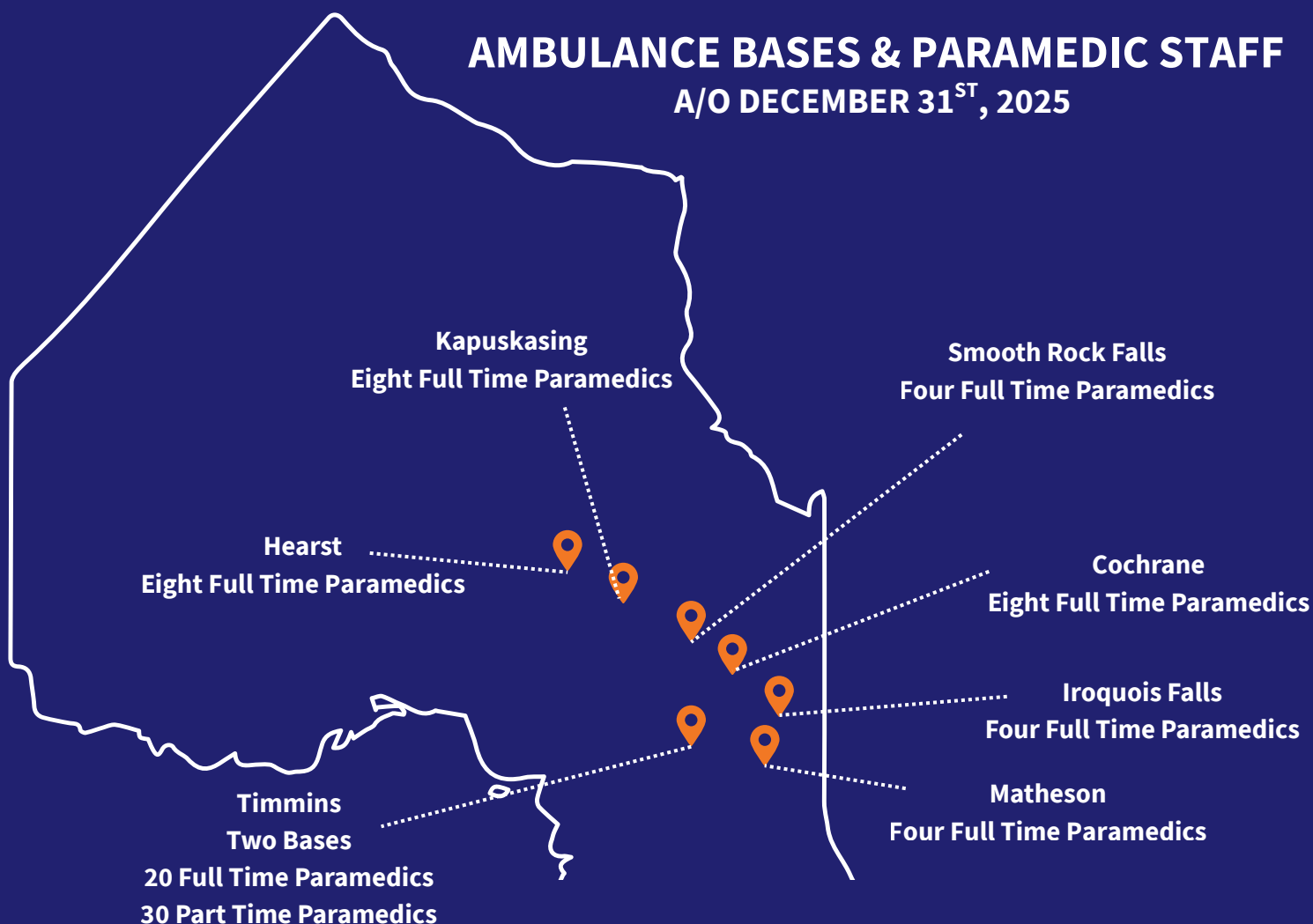
UNDERSTANDING PARAMEDIC SERVICES

The Cochrane District Services Board's Paramedic Services provides a wide variety of services across the Cochrane District (excluding Moosonee), including:

- **Emergency Response** - Responding to 911 calls and emergencies across the District.
- **Community Paramedicine** - Providing home and community-based care to individuals to help identify and monitor medical issues before they require urgent or emergency care.
- **Emergency Response Team (ERT)** - Working alongside the Ontario Provincial Police and Timmins Police Service, ERT paramedics receive specialized training to be on the frontlines of emergency response.
- **Health System Transformation** - The CDSB's Paramedic Service is at the forefront of innovative approaches to improving health outcomes. In 2023, they became the first paramedic service in Canada to offer Suboxone to patients.

AMBULANCE BASES & PARAMEDIC STAFF

A/O DECEMBER 31ST, 2025



WHAT EMERGENCY RESPONSE LOOKED LIKE IN 2025



The Cochrane District Paramedic Services(CDPS) provides 24/7 ambulance services across the Cochrane District.

In 2025, units responded to 15,910 calls, making contact with 11,934 patients.



359,716

Paramedics travelled over 350,000 km in 2025 to respond to calls over the Cochrane District.



845

Paramedics responded to 845 cardiac-related calls across the Cochrane District.



122

Paramedics responded to 122 stroke-related calls across the Cochrane District.



2,195

Paramedics responded to 2,195 trauma-related calls across the Cochrane District.



4,987

The Community Paramedicine Program completed 4,987 visits in the Cochrane District.

UNDERSTANDING SERVICE DELIVERY BY COMMUNITY

The information below provides a community-by-community snapshot of the services they deliver throughout the Cochrane District.



*Breathing Problem - Refers to calls for things like shortness of breath, COPD-related calls, asthma, bronchitis, etc.
**Sick Person - Refers to calls for things like cold or flu-like symptoms, chronic conditions that aren't immediately life threatening, etc.
***Unknown - Refers to calls where the person calling 911 did not provide information, the call was hung up without details, etc.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM

The Cochrane District Services Board's (CDSB) Community Paramedicine (CP) Program is a part of Paramedic Service focused on prevention instead of response.

CP paramedics use their medical skills and experience to help identify and monitor medical issues for patients in their home or community setting, before they require urgent or emergency care. In partnership with other health care professionals and social services, our CP paramedics help connect patients with the best-fitting supports. This program aims at keeping people well in their home or community setting, helping reduce pressure on our health system.

CDSB's CP Program supports:

- Improving the wellness and quality of life for our patients
- Reducing the risk of medical issues getting worse, requiring 911 response
- Reducing emergency department visits and hospital admissions
- Supporting our community members and empowering them to stay well in their home or community environment
- Helping coordinate and navigate supports with our patients, their caregivers and loved ones

2025 COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE VISITS BY COMMUNITY

TIMMINS

2025: 3,321

2024: 2,684

KAPUSKASING

2025: 1,104

2024: 779

COCHRANE

2025: 309

2024: 103

HEARST

2025: 159

2024: 92

MATHESON

2025: 37

2024: 52

IROQUOIS FALLS

2025: 35

2024: 33

SMOOTH ROCK FALLS

2025: 22

2024: 16

UNDERSTANDING FUNDING & CHALLENGES



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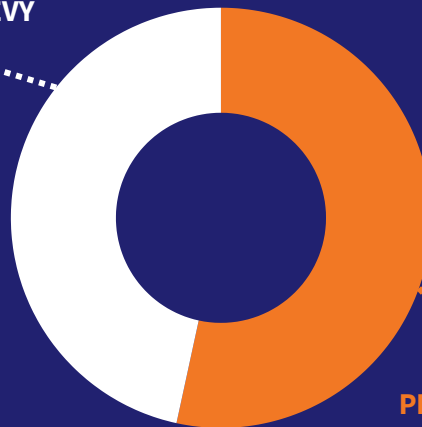
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In 2025, the total expenses for Paramedic Services was \$16,728,149, or 18.5% of CDSB's total expenses.

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46.6%



PROVINCIAL FUNDING
53.4%

CHALLENGES

Paramedic Services Funding Model:

- Ontario's current paramedic funding model creates financial challenges for municipal service managers. Funding increases are based on prior-year expenditures, meaning municipalities absorb rising costs in the current year, before provincial funding adjustments catch up. This delay creates budget pressures related to fleet replacement, fuel, equipment, and increased call volumes.

Increasing Demand and Service Complexity

- Paramedics continue to respond to more than traditional medical emergencies. Mental health crises, addictions, chronic disease management, and gaps in access to primary care are increasingly impacting 911 services.
- The Cochrane District Paramedic Service has been experiencing a growing number of no patient contact calls - largely driven from the growing number of people experiencing homelessness. In 2026, the REACH Project was piloted to help address the growing number of these calls through proactive outreach with paramedics and community partners.

Geographic Size & Rural Service Delivery:

- The Cochrane District covers more than 140,000 km², creating unique challenges in delivery consistent, high-quality services.

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