



## News Release

### **MD Ambulance Supports – Ambulances for Ukraine**

**Saskatoon, SK – August 21st, 2015-** MD Ambulance, under the leadership of past President and CEO Dave Dutchak, is very excited to announce that after several months of hard work, and lobbying Governments, Ambulances from Canada will be sent to Ukraine for medical support to front line health care workers.

The Ambulances for Ukraine project is a cooperative humanitarian effort that will get this vitally important equipment to front-line medical and health care workers. People around the world have watched with dismay the crisis that has unfolded in Ukraine – a crisis that has had a devastating impact on the country, its infrastructure and its people. The ambulances are a practical, tangible way that Canadians, and in particular, Ukrainian Canadian community, can help a war-torn country.

“There has been a tremendous amount of time and effort put in by all of our volunteer committee representatives over the past 18 months to make this dream become a reality” states Dave Dutchak, MD Ambulance past President and CEO and founding member of Paramedic Chiefs of Canada. “We want to thank all of the Emergency Medical Services and Crestline Coach that have agreed to donate Ambulances to this humanitarian project. Without other key partners that include the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, Saskatchewan Emergency Medical Services Association (SEMSA), the Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan – Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee (SURAC), Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), UCC Saskatchewan and EuroMaidan Canada this idea / concept would have not come to fruition”.

“Phase One” of this project is already underway. Four ambulances, three from Saskatchewan and one from Alberta, have been donated. They left the port of Halifax on August 11 and are due to arrive in Kyiv the week of August 24. They will be then sent to hospitals treating the wounded from the conflict zone. These included Ambulances from Saskatoon, Parkland Ambulance in Prince Albert, Duck Mountain EMS, and Associated Ambulance Services in Edmonton.

Displays and more information will be on site at Ukrainian Day in the Park on Saturday, August 22nd.

For further information regarding this news release call Dave Dutchak at 306-229-1460.

