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**South Western Ontario Ambulance and EMS Museum
PRESERVING OUR/YOUR EMS HISTORY**

March 8, 2019
Chief Randy Mellow - President and Executive Board Members
Paramedic Chiefs of Canada
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you in the hope of getting your assistance in promoting and growing Canada's only EMS Museum. As you may be aware, the SWO Ambulance & EMS Museum is located on and is part of the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village (www.ctmhv.com), situated on a 100 acre site within the Municipality of the Town of Essex. Funding for the EMS Museum building and a significant portion of its contents were donated by Len Langlois, owner of the former Chatham & District Ambulance Service. CTMHV operates with little government funding. It has a small paid staff and a strong core of volunteers. They must raise over \$400,000.00 annually over any government funding to keep the doors of the entire operation open. To do so they operate a diner, give Transportation Museum and Village tours, have an annual car raffle, host cruise ins, car shows, flea markets, gun shows, auctions, wedding receptions and private parties. CTMHV even has an historic church on site which can be rented for weddings. However, at the end of the day we must depend on financial donations to carry out projects over and above day to day operations.

The EMS Museum is currently busting at the seams and we have little space to display newly donated items, let alone a significant number of items in storage. There currently approximately 2,000 square feet (40 X 50 with 16 ft ceilings) that is unfinished, which we need to finish, and currently this is the EMS Museum's foremost need.

Attached as Appendix A is a list of items that the PCC and their member services can assist us with. Your attention to our request is greatly appreciated if you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Appendix A

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Appendix A

Promotion

It is estimated that 90% or more of Ontario's Paramedics are unaware of the EMS Museum's existence. That is closer to 100% across the remainder of Canada. Services can assist us by promoting the EMS Museum's website <http://ctmhv.com/EMS/ems.htm> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SWOAmbulanceEMSMuseum/>. Consideration of adding these links to the Service's website would also be appreciated.

Vehicle and Equipment Donations

The EMS Museum has an excellent collection of pre-2000 vehicles and equipment but is always looking for items we don't have to add to our pre-2000 collection. However, we have been remiss in collecting post-2000 items and if we don't start collecting these now, we unfortunately will never be able to document and display the ever-changing technologies in patient care and equipment. Services can assist by considering donating items as they are replaced and declared surplus. We are desperately in need of stretchers and stair chairs post-2000. We have no electric stretchers and surprisingly not a single Stryker product. As a side note, we have two ambulances on display that served in Western Canada.

Financial Donations

If Services are aware of any sources of financial assistance which might be available to the EMS Museum, please pass them along. As stated previously CTMHV has tapped into all sources of government currently available.



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