



# Peel Regional Paramedic Services

Peel Regional Paramedic Services (PRPS) has more than 650 paramedics who give life-saving, emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

At peak times, we have 61 ambulances and 8 rapid response units caring for the 1.4 million residents in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. In 2018, we responded to more than 136,000 calls, making us one of the busiest paramedic services in Canada.

## What we do

Peel Paramedics respond to a wide variety of emergencies, ranging from broken bones to car accidents to child birth.

### We:

- Provide CPR and defibrillation to restart a heart that has stopped beating.
- Administer life-saving drugs and pain relievers.
- Control severe bleeding.
- Perform intubations to open blocked airways.
- Manage spine, neck and bone injuries.

We have been recognized for delivering some of the best CPR in North America. By continuing to study advanced techniques and life-saving medications, Peel Region remains one of the safest places to live.

Recently, PRPS was the first in North America to enroll patients in trials to improve outcomes for people in cardiac arrest.

## Building a safer community

Peel Regional Paramedic Services manages several community safety programs.

## PAD (Public Access Defibrillator) program

This program focuses on adding AEDs (automated external defibrillators) to public buildings, monitoring all AEDs in the region, teaching people how to use them, and following up with those who do.

Over the last few years, the Region of Peel has seen AEDs being used by residents more often – about 2 or 3 times each month. When an AED is used on a cardiac arrest patient before paramedics arrive, the chance of survival increases.

## Community Paramedicine program

We meet with residents in seniors' buildings to do weekly check-ups. The idea is to identify issues and manage them before they become a problem so there's no need to dial 911 down the road. By all accounts, the clinics are working.

## Did you know?

- Each year, approximately 1 in 12 Peel residents call for an ambulance.
- In the last 3 years, we recognized the efforts of 300 bystanders who acted to save a life.
- We receive, on average, 1 call every 3.8 minutes.
- Last year, we delivered 67 babies.
- Our ambulances drove just over 4 million kilometres in the past 12 months. That's 100 times around the earth.