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MEDIA RELEASE

Acting Chief of Paramedic Services set to retire

NEWS

Hastings County has announced that Acting Chief Paramedic and Director of Emergency Services John O'Donnell has decided to retire from its paramedic service, effective July 18, 2016.

QUOTES

"It is with very mixed emotions that we are announcing Mr. O'Donnell's decision to retire. John's nearly 40 years of service has been exemplary and we will certainly miss him," stated County Warden Rick Phillips. "Our County and our residents have been the benefactors of his professionalism and his commitment to high quality paramedic services," added Phillips.

"With John's decision to retire and the return of Chief Doug Socha from his three year secondment to the Federal Government we fully expect a seamless transition in our paramedic leadership," said Jim Pine, Chief Administrative Officer for the County. "On a personal note I cannot say enough good things about John's work. He stepped up to fill the Acting Chief position without hesitation and has performed at the highest level and was a terrific member of our senior management team," added Pine.

BACKGROUND

John started his paramedic career in 1977 with the Bancroft Ambulance Service and subsequently he worked for Hotel Dieu and finally with the Hastings-Quinte Paramedic Service after it was transferred in 2002 to Hastings County.

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