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To all EMS Providers in the State of Maine:

If you ask lay people to explain the role of Emergency Medical Service (EMS), most people will say, “Oh, you mean the people who drive the ambulance?” Alternatively “they are the ones that come to my house and take me to the hospital in an emergency.”

Unfortunately, there is not a widespread understanding defining the role of EMS in the 911 system. While you all understand your mission, the public may not. Please know your hard work and commitment does not go unnoticed by Emergency Department personnel. This week we honor your commitment, expertise, and sacrifice to our Maine communities.

On any given day, EMS providers help save lives by responding to medical emergencies, including heart attack, difficulty breathing, fall or accidents, drowning, cardiac arrest, stroke, drug overdose or acute illness. EMS may provide both basic and advanced medical care at the scene of an emergency and en route to a hospital. They respond to difficult situations and dangerous environments, often putting their safety on hold for their patient. EMS providers care for immediate medical needs while exhibiting heartfelt care and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments. They are critical to the health and safety of the communities they serve.

You are Everyday Heroes! Bravo!

Thanks to our ambulance crews and all EMS responders across the state, we are grateful for your service and are proud to work alongside you every day. Stay Safe,

Thank You...

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Every Journey has a Story, Every Story has a journey...
Be the light in someone's journey, so both your stories are successful!

