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PERTH COUNTY PARAMEDICS JOIN THE NATIONAL EMS STEM CELL CHALLENGE

STRATFORD: Hundreds of EMS stations throughout Canada including Perth County and thousands of Paramedics will be participating in the First Annual National EMS Stem Cell Challenge.

Over 800 Canadians and tens of thousands worldwide need a bone marrow / stem cell transplant right now to survive diseases like leukemia, testicular & ovarian cancer, lymphoma and dozens of other serious diseases. Without a transplant these people will certainly die.

Our challenge is to add hundreds of thousands of healthy committed Canadians between the ages of 17 to 50, willing to donate their bone marrow / stem cells to anyone in the world who needs this life saving therapy. Joining the OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network is easy and pain free. A simple cheek swab is all that we require. Canadian Blood Services will analyze each swab and post the results on the network. If a match, the potential donor will be contacted.

Perth County Paramedics will be available on the following dates and sites to help the public get on the list and possibly save

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someone's life. The public are encouraged to show up at the following locations.

Perth County EMS Stations:

May 15 or 16 between 10am -6 pm at the following sites

Stratford EMS Station

John and West Gore St. (beside the ER entrance at Stratford General Hospital)

St. Mary EMS Station

267 Queen Street W (Beside St. Mary's Hospital)

Milverton EMS Station

22 Mill St. W

Listowel EMS Station

255 Sarah St. (across from the Listowel Hospital)

Mitchell EMS Station

16 Napier St. (beside the County Roads Department)

May 17th - 21st 9am - 4 pm

Perth County EMS HQ

187 Erie St 2nd floor (festival Hydro building)

May 22nd 10am - 4pm

Festival Marketplace Mall

1067 Ontario St., Stratford

For more information on this initiative please see

<http://www.perthcounty.ca/page/news>

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