

The 2018 Ontario Paramedic Ride

HMECU is proud to support the Hamilton Paramedic Service in the **Ontario Paramedic Ride**, taking place September 14th to 17th. The Ride is an annual event organized to raise money for a national monument, to be built in Ottawa, to honour Canadian paramedics killed in the line of duty. The route the riders will take spans over 550kms, from Toronto to Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

This is the fifth annual Ride. There are over 150 riders from across Ontario and the East Coast. Once at the finish line on Parliament Hill, the riders will be met by federal and provincial politicians. Last year, Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, spoke.

This Ride is one of five that takes place across the nation each year. The other Rides take place in New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta, and British Columbia. The Hamilton Paramedic Service bike team, Escarpment City Gears, is a team of 20 paramedics and nurses from Hamilton and Brantford. One team member is a cardiac arrest survivor that the Hamilton Paramedics saved.

For more information and to **donate on behalf of Hamilton Paramedics Escarpment City Gears**, please visit: <https://paramedicride.ca/rides/ontario/> or come in to your local HMECU branch.

