

Hamilton MedVents

-Est. 2014-



“Challenge and Service”

~MedVents Canada~



“The Best Place to Raise a Child and to Age Successfully”



History

- ❖ Part of the “Vocational Scouting” program of Scouts Canada
- ❖ Initiated in BC in 1994
 - BC/Yukon Jamboree
- ❖ Toronto Paramedic Service in 1999
 - Community outreach
- ❖ 29 groups across Canada



Objectives of Program

- 1) Provide first aid assistance at community events
- 2) Encourage youth leadership
- 3) Plan-Do-Review
- 4) Personal development
 - Social, physical intellectual, character, emotional spiritual growth
- 5) Expose youth to various vocational opportunities
- 6) 95% of youth seek post-secondary education



Criteria for Participation

- ❖ Ages 15+
- ❖ Male & female
- ❖ All cultural and religious backgrounds
- ❖ Youth with disabilities
- ❖ Advanced First Aid & CPR
- ❖ 96 community volunteer hours



Hamilton MedVents – Early Beginnings

- ❖ Proposal submitted to Paramedic Chief Sanderson
 - Primary Care Paramedic David Wharrie
- ❖ Started in 2014
 - MOU
 - Charter
 - Insurance



Current State

- ❖ MedVents = 15-20/year
- ❖ Leaders = 8
 - Medical advisors = 3
 - All HPS staff
- ❖ HPS Support
 - Facilities
 - Equipment*
 - Uniforms*



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Community Participation

❖ Events attended

- 15-20/year
- H&S events
- High school competitions
- Scouting camps
- Community fairs
- Church events



Benefits of Program

- ❖ Engage youth
- ❖ Increased safety
- ❖ Ready youth for careers
- ❖ Divert calls away from 911
- ❖ Trained to assist Emergency Services when required
- ❖ Work cooperatively with other municipalities and services



Success Stories

- 1) Paramedic working for HPS
 - Now a medical advisor for Hamilton MedVent
- 2) Current MedVents
 - a) In college for paramedicine
 - b) HHS Juravinski CO-OP program
 - c) Ancaster Veterinarian Hospital CO-OP program
- 3) Physicians, Advance Care Paramedics, Critical Care Paramedics





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