Paramedic Code of Values and Ethics

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As Paramedics, we value:

- Service
- Honor
- Integrity
- Courage
- Advocacy
- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Leadership

Paramedics are accountable to behave ethically. As health and public safety professionals, this means paramedics apply these values in professional practice and, where it has an impact on professional practice, in life.

Service
A paramedic strives to serve the patient, the community and the profession.

Honor
A paramedic strives to behave in a manner at all times that brings admiration, acknowledgement and respect to the profession.

Integrity
A paramedic accepts that being a member of the profession is an honor and a privilege and strives to adhere to the values and ethics of the profession at all times.

Courage
A paramedic accepts that the profession imposes an element of unavoidable personal risk and meets this challenge selflessly to the benefit of the patient, peers and the public.

Advocacy
A paramedic acts to ensure that the patient’s personal and patient care needs are met, intervening with peers, colleagues and others when necessary.

Responsibility to Patient
A paramedic acts so that the patient’s rights to decision-making, safety, dignity, privacy and confidentiality are maintained.

Accountability
A paramedic accepts primary responsibility for professional and personal actions that impact the patient, peers, colleagues, the public and the profession.

Leadership
A paramedic accepts the responsibility to take personal action to make changes to improve service to the public.

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