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Re: Recommended – Certified GPS Training - Paramedics

Dear Mr. Steer,

Recently, with others from our community, I completed the National Green Check GPS course. The GPS training is a certified course which helped me understand the UTM significance in mapping and familiarize myself with this valuable equipment which I feel should be an equipment in all Ontario Ambulances.

I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation, as the feedback regarding the content and skill development was excellent.

I believe, the students and I appreciated your thoroughness and attention to details with regards to the relationship between the map, the compass and the GPS unit. Now, we are familiar with two “spatial” languages – UTM and longitude and latitude – both have benefits.

The manual and DVD – ‘What do those numbers mean anyway?’ is a valuable companion resource to the training session.

For my profession, the use of the GPS in answering emergency calls efficiently and effectively is a needed skill. Briefly, from a previous call, giving an EMS helicopter my location by describing the hands on a clock, was the only course of estimating my true location on the ground. Pin pointing a First Response Paramedic and a patient in a geographical area needs precision and I believe a GPS can provide this.

I felt more confident at the completion of the session. The competency test was designed along a gradual learning continuum, it was directly related to the

knowledge and skills I assumed during the day.

I strongly recommend paramedics take this PD opportunity.

Thanks, Bill for your patience and your teaching style. It is commendable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Anita Kraly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anita Kraly
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