

## **Paramedics poll membership**

DAWSON CREEK - The leadership of the striking Ambulance Paramedics of B.C. are on a province-wide tour to consult with their 3,500 members. The CUPE 873 members have been on strike since April 1 but the provincial government has appeared unwilling to negotiate a new contract.

At issue are faster ambulance response times, better staffing levels, wage parity with other emergency responders and a multi-year contract. Pressured by the employer's reliance on overtime, unpaid travel time and part-time positions, the paramedics are stretched to the limit. They continue to provide ambulance services under Essential Services. The paramedics are calling for an independent arbitrator to settle the dispute.

Representatives of the Ambulance Paramedics of BC will be available for local media on the following dates and times:

<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>	<b>Dawson Creek</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>	<b>Prince George</b>
<b>Thursday, June 25</b>	<b>Terrace</b>
<b>Monday, June 29</b>	<b>Castlegar and Fernie</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 30</b>	<b>Cranbrook</b>

**For more information on the issues, please visit:**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCA8p87QFcs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCA8p87QFcs)

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