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Mr. Jay Chalke
British Columbia Ombudsperson
PO Box 9039,
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Victoria, BC V8W 9A5

Dear Mr. Chalke;

Re: Review of the Recent Heat Emergency Response

On July 8th, 2021, the Executive Committee of the Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Dispatchers of British Columbia (APBC), met with the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and Dr. Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister of Health. The meeting was held to discuss our concerns over the apparent collapse of the ability for the British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) to meet its mandate. This ongoing issue became a catastrophic disaster on the weekend of June 25th through June 29th, with the heat emergency.

We have been informed that your office is being tasked with an independent review of the emergency response to that heat emergency by the Provincial Government.

We are writing to you today to respectfully request that, the APBC has an opportunity to participate in that review and provide our perspective

The Ambulance Paramedics of BC (APBC) performs a dual role serving paramedics in British Columbia. In addition to representing the over 4,500 paramedics and dispatchers employed by BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) as CUPE Local 873, APBC is also the professional voice of paramedics in the province as the BC Chapter of the Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC).

Thank you for your kind consideration and please advise if there is anything more, we need to do in relation to the review.

Sincerely,

Troy Clifford, President
Ambulance Paramedics & Emergency Dispatchers of BC
CUPE Local 873

CC: Provincial Executive Board (PEB)

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