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Attention: All Members,
CUPE Local 873

Dear Members;

Re: National Paramedic Week

This week is National Paramedic Week. In BC we have over 3,900 Paramedics serving over four million citizens by land, air and water, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

While at Honour House, I saw a poem by J.S McGregor framed on the wall, while some of you may have heard or seen it before, I thought it was appropriate to share it with you during Paramedic week.

Paramedics

Hear the sirens in the distance?
Help is on the way;
Calm down and take a deep breath,
It's going to be OK.
Stand back, you're in good hands now,
They're just like family there;
Cautious, quiet questions asked,
Lead to tender, gentle care.
They bring order to the chaos,
Comfort to the ill;
Performing roadside miracles,
With guardian angel skill.
In the darkness of a winter night;
In the chill of wind and rain;
No well lit operating room,
They still relieve the victims' pain.
They're trained to beat the flat line,
To return a stolen breath;
They'll restore the gift of life,
From the unexpected death.
When you hear sirens in the distance,
Guide them safely on their way;
Say a prayer for paramedics,
And the lives they'll save to-day.
– J.S McGregor



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the BC Paramedics for making the difference in our patient's lives as we serve in our proud profession as Paramedics.

Sincerely,

Provincial Executive Committee
Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Dispatchers of BC
CUPE Local 873

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