



Region 1 North

Ambulance Paramedics of BC

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Deployment Strategy

A recent meeting with stakeholders.

Stakeholders recently attended the first planning meeting concerning Nanaimo post deployment. The meeting provided a positive forum to review information and statistics and consider future developments. Rural Director Stephenson, District Manager Twells and Transformation Director Nick Smith were all in attendance. Union representation included Secretary Treasurer Eby, RVP Boley, Recording Secretary Moraes and Chief Shop Steward Egli. Also present were the unit chiefs of stations 120 and 159 as well as the unit chief of critical care transport and Director L'Heureaux. Another

meeting was held September 19, 2017 to get more information and to look at the potential resource redesign for the Nanaimo post. It is important for the union to be involved in these meetings and see the potential roll out of new deployment models and to keep the confines of our agreement in check. I encourage all other RVPs to reach out to their respective areas and make sure you are involved in these planning sessions as they directly affect our brothers and sisters.

Thanks again!

- *Region 1 North Board*

REGIONAL UPDATE

The Oceanside Managers and Directors have relocated from their previous buildings in Parksville and are now located in new settings in North Nanaimo. New contact numbers are available in a memo sent out to the stations on July 19, 2017.

CONVENTION

Our 1 North Delegates are ready to go! We anticipate a vigorous convention as the top spots are up for possible reassignment and many important resolutions will be debated. **Our next union meeting for 1 North will be October 10, 2017 at 1900 at Quality Resort Bayside Inn in Parksville.** We are looking for a quorum and seeking direction from our members to take to Convention. We look forward to chatting with all our members.

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STAFFING

This continues to be an issue we are struggling with on the North Island. Members are transferring closer to home and the outlying stations are suffering for staffing. New hires are coming off the street but are not readily available due to the orientation process which delays them from being utilized. Nanaimo stations are staffing Juliet cars to provide gap coverage in the outlying areas.

P.A.R.T.Y Program

P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) is an injury prevention program designed for high school students. Each year, over 3500 Grade 10 students from across Vancouver Island visit hospitals to learn about trauma and the consequences of risky behavior.

P.A.R.T.Y. is run entirely by volunteers! Professional volunteers such as BC paramedics are the heart of the program. We are grateful for the continued support of the many paramedics throughout Vancouver Island who give their time for a few hours every month to share our important injury prevention message. We are always looking for more volunteers. This is a great way to prevent traumatic injury in youth in your community while gaining CME credits!

If you're interested in joining the team, please contact:

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Public Education

We are excited to announce Aggie Pringle as our new public education director for 1 North...and she is already off and running. Bear-a -Medic and a mini ambulance made an appearance in the Sayward Canada Day Parade as well as the Ukee days celebrations. Aggie is currently in the midst of planning several events in the near future, including career days and school tours...and she is always looking for volunteers! In addition to that, Aggie is working closely with the PARTY Program and brainstorming ways to aid in the recruitment of new medics. If you would like to volunteer or have any event ideas for region 1 North, email Aggie at agnes.pringle@apbc.ca. Good work Aggie!