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Dear Members;

Re: Passing of Paramedic Chris Candy

It's with great sadness that I inform you all of the passing of our good friend and colleague, Paramedic Chris Candy.

Chris completed his lengthy career in the Kamloops Post where he continuously advocated for our members and patients with passion, humour, and tenacity that he brought with him every day. After his retirement from Kamloops as a full-time member, Chris returned to join the Logan Lake station working as an on-call paramedic. Chris served with BCEHS for 38 years and was an example of professionalism.

In Chris's usual fashion he was extremely committed to his community and worked in multiple roles alongside our public safety partners and the District of Logan Lake. He was their emergency preparedness coordinator for 2 years and was a vital part of the Tremont Fire Response, as well as the Assistant Manager for 5 years with the Logan Lake Search and Rescue group. Chris worked with the BC Ministry of Solicitor General as a corrections officer and safety rep for 6.5 years. And was also serving as a councillor with the District of Logan Lake.

As you can imagine this is a difficult time for the family as they process the untimely passing of Chris. As paramedics and dispatchers, we want to help and reach out, however during this time we ask that you give his family some time to process and grieve privately.

In his last several days Chris made the following statement which speaks to his character and passion "I know everyone cares". Chris knew he built strong relationships and bonds over his career and knew the impacts he made on others. He will no doubt be greatly missed.

We have a lead working with the family at this time and we are committed to follow up with you all on any arrangements that maybe made in the future.

The loss of a colleague or a friend can impact us all differently and we wish to remind you of our Critical Incident Team which is available to you all. Please reach out to the team, a colleague or friend if you need any assistance.

On behalf of the Provincial Executive Board and the friends and colleagues that Chris touched through his service and life.

Sincerely,

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