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To: All BCEHS Employees/Ambulance Paramedics of BC CUPE Local 873 Members

RE: Passing of Paramedic Derek Perrault

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our North Island colleague, Derek Perrault. Derek passed away in hospital in Campbell River on July 2, 2024, following an abrupt decline in health over the past couple of weeks.

Derek joined BCEHS 11 years ago, when he felt the call to fulfill a need in his community of Alert Bay. His dedication to his community carried him through his years of service and to becoming a cherished driver at station 102.

Derek was known for his quick wit, bright smile, and ability to find the perfect fix to any problem. He always found a way to make a lasting impression on his colleagues, particularly with his on-air catchphrase that would leave them smiling, *"102 Kilo is 10-7 at.....the station!"*

During this difficult time, our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to Derek's family and friends as they navigate through this profound loss. We also extend our support to all of Derek's North Island colleagues who are undoubtedly feeling the impact of this loss.

Funeral details will be communicated to all staff once they are finalized.

The sudden death of a colleague can impact people in very many different ways. Should you wish to share your feelings with someone, please remember our two confidential resources available to all employees of BC Emergency Health Services.

1. The Critical Incident Stress Program may be contacted through 1.855.969.4321 for peer and/or professional counselling support.
2. Our Employee Assistance Program, Homewood Human Solutions, is also available should you find you require additional support. Homewood may be contacted at 1.800.663.1142 or through their website at <https://homeweb.ca/>.

If you need more information about these supports, please visit the [Critical Incident Stress Program](#) and [Homewood Health](#) on the intranet.

Sincerely,

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