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Dear Members;

Re: The 2025 Tour Paramedic Ride BC is Live!

Registration is now open for this incredible ride honoring Fallen Paramedics. Join the Paramedic Ride June 9-12 in the South Okanagan as they raise funds to build a national monument in Ottawa. Sign up today by clicking [HERE](#).

It all started in 2010, when seven Canadian paramedics participated in the National EMS Memorial Ride in the United States to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. Their determination inspired the creation of the Tour Paramedic in 2013. Tour Paramedic Ride BC adopted the same values and were joined by American cyclists. Since then, the event has grown and is open to everyone, regardless of skill or profession. To date, they have organized events in several Canadian provinces, including British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia.

Their main goal is to honor paramedics who have fallen in the line of duty while raising funds for a national memorial monument. To date, over \$300,000 has been raised. Since 2022, they have also supported charities that assist paramedics and their families affected by occupational trauma.

What's in Store for BC Riders?

The Tour Paramedic Ride of British Columbia offers cyclists an unforgettable four-day journey through some of the province's most breathtaking landscapes.

The route begins in Osoyoos before passing through picturesque vineyards and along the waters of Okanagan Lake then heading towards Peachland. On the second day, cyclists ride through the heart of wine country, from West Kelowna to Vernon, enjoying stunning lake views and rolling hills. The third stage takes riders through the beautiful Shuswap region, winding through incredible farmland and alongside Shuswap Lake, before reaching Sorrento. Finally, the last stretch follows the scenic shores of the South Thompson River, leading to Kamloops, a region known for its vast grasslands and striking landscapes.

This challenge is about more than just physical endurance—it's a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of British Columbia while supporting a meaningful cause. Funds raised will help build a national memorial honoring paramedics who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Fundraising is not mandatory, but this year, they are challenging each participant to raise a minimum of \$250 to support this important cause. Every dollar collected will be directly donated to the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation. By riding, we also pay tribute to those who suffer in silence, shedding light on the often-unseen challenges many paramedics face.

Together, we can make a difference—one ride, one memory, and one conversation at a time.

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Once your registration is complete, don't forget to start your fundraising campaign if you want to take on the challenge!

Thank you for your interest in this amazing fundraising campaign!

Sincerely,

Provincial Executive Committee
CUPE Local 873

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