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To: All BCEHS staff

**Re: Passing of Terry McBratney**

It is with a profound sense of loss today that we share news of the passing of Terry McBratney. Terry had a long and distinguished career as a paramedic. Terry began his career in 1978 with the BC Ambulance Service in Vancouver.

He acquired his ALS license in 1982 and, after 10 years of service, Terry began working as a flight paramedic. He continued as an ALS member in the North Shore until he accepted a position of District Supervisor in 2005. In that capacity, he was the incident commander of several high-profile events, including the Surrey balloon crash in 2007; the YVR airplane crash in 2011; and Vancouver Stanley Cup riots that same year. Terry retired in 2013 after 35 years of exemplary service, only to return to BCEHS two months later in a part-time position.



During his career, Terry trained and mentored countless advanced care paramedics. He was a role model for all, consistently demonstrating a high caliber of practice. Terry was known to have a kind, warm heart. He was admired, respected and well liked.

Terry quickly refined his practice as a paramedic and became a leader in the field. His skill and compassion mixed with a bit of humour made anyone's journey to the hospital more enjoyable and more comforting. Paramedics knew they could count on his expertise and advice in support of their day-to-day operations. Throughout his life Terry and Michelle took great pride in watching their children grow, developing their own paths of discovery. He was very proud of his family.

Terry enjoyed participating in many a golf getaway with his friends and colleagues. He took the same determination he showed in life to perfect his golf game, and if that occasionally failed, humour overcame all odds. When treatment impaired his long drive

capability he still loved to come out, drive the golf cart and do a little chip and putt at each hole with his friends. Terry knew the score didn't matter; the most important thing was the camaraderie he felt with his friends and they felt it too.

Terry passed away October 27 of cancer. A celebration of life event is being organized for the spring. More details will be shared closer to the time.

With Terry's passing, his family, friends, brothers and sisters within APBC and BCEHS feel a sense of loss. May consolation come in the form of memories and bits of humour that we have all managed to share with a remarkable individual.

The death of a colleague can impact people in 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 Human Solutions](#) on the intranet.

Sincerely,

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