## **Ambulance Paramedics**

of British Columbia - CUPE 873



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## THE AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS OF BC ARE ATTENDING UBCM 2023

The Ambulance Paramedics of BC (APBC) are attending the annual UBCM Convention in Vancouver this week, where they are connecting with community leaders to advocate for more community-based Paramedics Services throughout BC.

**Vancouver, BC -** As municipal leaders and representatives arrive in Vancouver for this week's UBCM Convention, leaders from the Ambulance Paramedics of BC/CUPE 873 are continuing their support and advocacy for more ambulances and improving patient care and response times.

"Our ambulance paramedics and medical dispatchers are some of the highest trained and most dedicated in the world. Our members consider this profession much more than a job. It's about compassion and caring for our patients and their families. It's about promoting our communities and providing the best care we can. We recognize how important that is and want to be involved in advocating for more resources and better supports for not only our members but for our communities." Says APBC President Troy Clifford.

The APBC is continuing its advocacy for better response times for patients, as well as improving all the processes and deployment models to improve access to care and improve community-related healthcare needs.

"The modern age of paramedicine has changed a lot in the last 40 years. We used to just respond with lights and sirens and load people up and take them to the hospital with care and compassion. Now in certain circumstances, we bring the hospital to the patient's bedside. We are more immersed in community-based care and can bring innovative solutions to rural and remote communities. At the same time, we can provide integrated healthcare throughout the entire province. With our skilled and dedicated members and proper support from both municipal and provincial leaders, we can continue to expand our roles to help bridge a lot of gaps in care." Clifford says.

If you're attending UBCM 2023, please drop by the APBC booth, ask for an ambulance tour, and come chat with our paramedics. If you have questions, we have solutions.

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