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Dear Members:

Re: Passing of Retired Paramedic Wes Lowenberg

It's with a heavy heart we inform you that retired ACP Paramedic Wes Lowenberg passed away on December 1, 2023, in Kelowna General Hospital.

Wes started his career in Pemberton in 1975 before going fulltime in Vancouver. He was a pioneer of the service; participating in the second ever ALS class in 1979, being a part of the first group of paramedics to work Air Ambulance in Vancouver and also was heavily involved in building the initial Critical Care treatments and protocols. Wes was extremely passionate about patient care and loved passing on his knowledge and training new paramedics, working as a preceptor and mentor during his career, before retiring from Kelowna as an ALS paramedic in 2008.

After retiring from a 30 year long career with BCEHS, Wes' passion for patient care led him to work in a related field, working with Medusa to develop software and programs that are used in EPCR's by fire departments and ambulance services across Canada and the US.

Wes was a respected and admired colleague and friend to so many, he built countless relationships and impacted so many people throughout his career and life. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

There may be an informal gathering to celebrate Wes' life in spring and his children have asked members to contact Shawn O'Reilly (250-870-8627) if they have any questions or would like to attend.

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.

Sincerely,

Provincial Executive Committee
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