



Region 4

Ambulance Paramedics of BC

October 2017

Regional Rumbblings

Story Subtitle or summary

Fall is officially here and with fall comes a slower pace and time to reflect as we get nearer to Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, with a special thank you to those who are working through the holiday and hope that everyone can spend some quality time with family and friends.

The 12-hour kilo switch up continues to cause problems so please bring your concerns and questions forward to your shop steward or RVP's. Amy and Wayne, along with the Region 3 RVP's James Towle and Keith Taylor recently held their RJLMC (Regional Joint Labour Management Committee) meeting. Topics of discussion included community paramedicine, the switch to 12-hour kilo and the issues that has caused. Amy

now finds herself working on two projects regarding scheduling and shifts in the East Kootenays. There were many references to BCEHS's new "action plan" although no real insight as to what was actually in the plan. Our managers will be having deployment meetings in the West Kootenays as early as this month which Wayne and/or Amy will also attend to ensure that discussions



Community paramedics David Hurd (left) of Golden and Craig Chapman (right) of Field at a community event.

around shift patterns, scheduling and whatever else

makes the agenda go smoothly for our members. If you hear of these meetings or have questions about them please feel free to reach out to your RVP's.

Respectfully,

Amy Chris & Wayne Harder

SAVE THE DATE!

WE WILL BE HAVING A UNION MEETING IN CRANBROOK OCTOBER 10TH, 2017 AT 1900 HRS. LOCATION TBA SO STAY TUNED FOR THE NOTICE TO GO OUT! IF YOU HAVE AN AGENDA ITEM PLEASE LET YOUR RVP'S OR SHOP STEWARDS KNOW.

Shop Steward Biography

From East to West, meet shop steward Susan Lang!

Susan has been a paramedic for 12 years, and has proudly worked in her hometown of Midway for most of her career. Susan is a shop steward in Midway and is passionate about her job and believes that our communities need us. Along with being a PCP and a shop steward, Susan is a community paramedic and an emergency medic, which she says is her first love! Feel free to reach out to Susan especially those of you in the Boundary region at susan.lang@apbc.ca.



Susan Lang



Station 415 Midway

Convention Delegates



Our APBC convention will be underway October 24th. This year our full-time delegates are **Corey Viala** and **Desiree Profili**. **Amber Pasula**, **Grant Farquhar**, **Gretchen Bonegardener**, and **Anne Harris** will be representing our part time members. Your RVP's, **Amy Chris** and **Wayne Harder**, will also be in attendance. Please reach out to your elected representatives to discuss this year's resolutions and elections so they can be as informed as possible about the will of our membership when they fly off to Vancouver to represent you!

Thank you to everyone who put their name into the hat to become a delegate, it is such a positive and exciting thing to see more people wanting to get involved.

Your RVP's hard at work!

Wayne has been working hard on regional grievances and many have been withdrawn and/or successfully resolved. Great job Wayne!

Amy is off the first week of October attending the CUPE National Convention and will be making a presentation at the Emergency and Security Services Sector council meeting with Bronwyn. She will undoubtedly come back with some great information.

Feedback, questions, comments, and concerns for your RVP's? Email 4RVP@apbc.ca