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Attention: All Members
CUPE Local 873

Dear Members;

Re: National Day of Mourning

Tomorrow, April 28th, has been designated the National Day of Mourning. Across Canada, events will be held to honour and remember workers who have died from a workplace injury or disease. Click [here](#) for a list of events being held across BC. Please consider attending an event near you.

We encourage everyone to take a moment tomorrow to remember and honour our members that have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty:

- Ivan Polivka
- JoAnn Fuller
- Michael Gray
- Kim Weitzel
- Shawn Currier
- Andrea Goedicke
- Wendy Thompson
- Carol Schlamp
- Theresa Bond
- Tony Sunderland

This year, we also remember and celebrate the life of paramedic Lloyd Smith who died in a tragic workplace accident at an arena in Fernie.

On the Day of Mourning, it is important we also acknowledge those that live everyday with the effects of work-related injuries and occupational disease, including occupational stress and mental health injuries. Unfortunately, many of our members continue to live with long term effects of hazardous workplace events that have negatively impacted their daily lives. Although we have seen many improvements to the safety and wellbeing of our members, we remain committed to advocating for a physically and psychologically safe and healthy workplace.

It is appropriate tomorrow to wear the APBC, BCEHS or Paramedic Association of Canada Line of Duty Death pin on your uniform.

Thank you to all of our members who have made sacrifices to serve our Province.

In solidarity,

Provincial Executive Committee
Ambulance Paramedics & Emergency Dispatchers of BC
CUPE Local 873

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