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VANCOUVER ISLAND PARAMEDICS RECOGNISED BY THEIR PEERS

VICTORIA – British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) will recognize paramedics from across Vancouver Island with employee recognition awards, at a special banquet in Victoria, held at the Delta Pointe Hotel, on July 3. The awards ceremony is being held during Paramedic Appreciation Week July 1 – 7, which provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the hard work and achievements of paramedics throughout the province.

“BC Ambulance Service paramedics play a vital role in the provision of emergency medical care,” said Health Service Minister George Abbott. “The achievements of paramedics on Vancouver Island and throughout the province, comes through their dedication, continued enthusiasm and a commitment to quality patient care.”

The BCAS employee recognition awards program gives formal recognition to individuals or teams for their exemplary contributions. Nominations fall under four categories: Patient Care, Community Involvement, Teamwork and Leadership. Each year individuals and crews are nominated by their fellow paramedics and a committee reviews the nominations and then selects the award recipients.

This year 25 awards, including individuals and teams, from the Island will receive Employee Recognition Awards. Paramedics are active in the community and support many organizations by volunteering their time and expertise. They carry out their duties with empathy, kindness and a sense of humour, making them fantastic leaders amongst their peers and throughout their communities. They take on tasks to not only educate members of the public, but also their colleagues in areas of safety, CPR and other training aspects.

“We are proud of the achievements these individuals and teams have shown,” said Shawn Carby, BCAS executive director. “This celebration is an important event to highlight the significant contributions BCAS paramedics make to our citizens and the communities everyday.”

The BCAS has been providing emergency medical care to British Columbians since 1974 and is a very important link in the continuum of quality health care. BCAS paramedics make significant contributions in communities across the province, both on and off the job.

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