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### **BC AMBULANCE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT TOUR RIDERS**

PRINCE GEORGE – BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) paramedic Terry Mitchell will once again ride the 800 kilometres that make up the Cops for Cancer Tour de North. Terry will ride alongside police, corrections, sheriff and border services team members.

“The fundraising efforts of Terry Mitchell and all the paramedics who volunteer their time to travel with the tour makes us all proud,” said Health Services Minister George Abbott. “Their efforts are reflective of the commitment of the BC Ambulance Service in giving back to communities across the province.”

Raising over \$10,000 during last years Tour de North, Terry is back again and aiming to raise even more with the help of paramedic colleagues and the community. On July 23, 2008 volunteers will be knocking on doors across the City asking people to donate bottles in support of Terry and the Canadian Cancer Society Tour de North. The BCAS Northern Regional Office is also accepting bottles and donations at 3732 Opie Crescent between 8:30 and 4:30 Monday to Friday.

“BCAS has been involved with the tour for nine years. Each year paramedics volunteer their time to travel with the tour” said Executive Director, Mike Michalko. “We are proud to support the Canadian Cancer Society Tour de North as volunteers and as riders to fight cancer and support healthy living.”

The Cops for Cancer ride is a partnership between the Canadian Cancer Society and members of law enforcement agencies and emergency services. Riders in four cycling tours cover more than 3,000 kilometres in support of children with cancer. The tour has raised \$20 million since it began in 1994.

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