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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BC Ambulance Service

### **EMS WEEK – A TIME TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR PARAMEDICS**

VICTORIA – May 16-22, 2010, is Emergency Medical Services Week – an opportunity for the public to recognize the contributions BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) paramedics make in their communities.

On the job, the dedicated men and women of the BCAS serve the people of British Columbia with compassion and integrity, touching the lives of countless patients who may never know their names, but whose lives are forever improved through their work.

The impact made by paramedics can be as heroic as saving a life, or as simple as holding the hand of a patient in distress. Often the first person on scene when medical emergencies strike, the work that paramedics perform requires them to absorb their patient's tragedies and offer emotional support in times of urgency, precisely when other people's capacity for caring can be tested.

This year, as part of Emergency Medical Services Week, BCAS asks the community to share recent stories of how paramedics have made a difference in their lives and to take the time to thank paramedics for the important role they play in their communities.

Some of these letters may be shared in the local paper during Emergency Medical Services Week and all letters received will also be passed along to the BCAS paramedics.

Let the paramedics in your community know how you have been impacted by their work and the value they have in your life. Please email your letter to [Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca) or send in via mail to:

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Kids can have fun too by drawing a picture of their favourite paramedic or of a paramedic at work.

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