

Salt Spring Island

I understand that 1st to 7th July has been designated as Paramedic Appreciation Week, and I want to put in my two-bits-worth to recognize the dedicated professionalism of the people of the BC Ambulance Service.

In April after a series of tests I was diagnosed as having a cardiac problem which finally turned out to be some very serious blockages of coronary arteries. It was necessary to transport me from Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. The trip involved an ambulance on either side of the ferry crossing, with the actual transfer being made in the parking area at Swartz Bay. Throughout the trip, even when it was deemed necessary to provide some extra oxygen, the attendants kept the stress level to a minimum, and I have come to realize that the B.C.A.S. people may actually have saved my life.

Yours truly

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