



MEDIA ADVISORY

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BC Ambulance Service

ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

VANCOUVER – BC Ambulance Service is holding cycling time trials to fill vacancies on the Lower Mainland paramedic Bike Squad prior to the busy summer season. The candidates must cycle a gruelling 16 kilometres in 35 minutes in order to move onto the next stage of the recruitment process.

The primary objective of the BCAS Bike Squad is to provide rapid response through congested areas at large public events allowing paramedics to arrive at the patient's side faster than a traditional ambulance might. The Bike Squad is now supported by two Gators purchased to support ambulance coverage for the 2010 Olympic Games.

Starting in 1992, BCAS was one of the first North American Emergency Medical Services agencies to organize and deploy paramedics on bicycles for major public events where crowds can limit access and speed of response for normal ambulance vehicles. The Bike Squad provides contracted paramedic services at major public and international events, professional sporting events, movie sets and community fairs. In Vancouver, such events include the Celebration of Lights and the Sun Run.

Date: Sunday, June 6, 2010

Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Southwest Marine Drive at Salish Drive

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