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SUPPORT NOVA SCOTIA EHS DISPATCHERS NEGOTIATIONS

CUPW represents about 50 medical dispatchers and call-takers, known as Communications Officers, working for Emergency Medical Care Inc. in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. And they need your support.

CUPW has been bargaining with the employer since April 2019 when the collective agreement expired. But talks have been unproductive, and CUPW has filed for conciliation.

The employer seems to be waiting on the provincial government to release the Fitch report – a report commissioned by the government in 2017 to review the current Emergency Health Services model and provide recommendations.

We believe these recommendations may threaten the standard of care. Nova Scotians are seeing their ambulance wait times rise, along with critically low availability of ambulances.

Our members are the first first responders for people in crisis, providing immediate assistance to callers before the ambulance arrives. They are trained paramedics who take over 180,000 emergency and non-emergency calls each year.

In an emergency, every second counts for our loved ones. Having a trained paramedic on the line can mean the difference between life and death. Shouldn't the province and the employer treat them with respect?

Our demands are not unreasonable – living wages, respect from the employer, and keeping the high standard of care.

In solidarity with our members, we are asking you to show support for their struggle by sending a strong message to the Nova Scotia government.

We have created a digital tool to make it really easy.

Just visit www.firstfirstresponders.ca
Follow the campaign on twitter at @EMCNS_Local

Stay in touch with CUPW eDigest and @cupw for updates on the campaign and the negotiations.

In Solidarity,

Jan Simpson
National President

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