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BC Ambulance Service

**Ambulance Stations and other BCEHS Facilities**

- BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) responds to calls from 188 ambulance stations (including five aircraft bases) which are located throughout the province. That includes one community where paramedic services are contracted (Kitimat). BCEHS also has three Communications/Dispatch centers which are in buildings shared with other BCEHS programs in Vancouver, Kamloops and Victoria. There are five administrative offices in Prince George, Kamloops, Vancouver (2) and Victoria, and 15 stand-alone offices located throughout the province.
- The BCEHS Facilities Branch is managed corporately by PHSA and primarily supports BCEHS. Branch staff are responsible for creating and maintaining safe, comfortable and cost-effective ambulance stations throughout the province to support paramedics providing high quality pre-hospital patient care. In 2016/17 \$20.5 million was spent to operate and maintain BCEHS facilities.
- Over the last three years, \$4.1 million capital has been invested in facilities projects in Coquitlam, Bella Bella, Bowser, Oceanside and Sooke.
- BCEHS ambulance stations include several amenities:
  - Training areas to help paramedics enhance and maintain their skills;
  - Storage space for ambulance restocking;
  - Rest areas for paramedics;
  - Kitchen and washrooms with showers ; and
  - Office space for undertaking administrative work.
- BCEHS initiated use of modular structures for the construction of ambulance stations in a cost-effective approach to providing quality crew quarters. Modular crew quarters are now in place in Winlaw, Grassy Plains, Riondel, Mackenzie, Oceanside and Vancouver, and on Saltspring, Quadra and Denman islands.