



Paramedic Memorial Bells Policy

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. The Paramedic Memorial Bells have always been an integral part of Tour Paramedic Ride Events. They are used to recognize the sacrifices of the Fallen as well as those who continue to suffer in silence.
- 1.2. The Paramedic Memorial Bells are of immense importance to Tour Paramedic Ride, the families of the fallen and paramedics across Canada. Through this policy, Tour Paramedic Ride seeks to ensure the proper usage of the bells to preserve and protect the bells and their legacy.

2. THE BELLS

- 2.1. There are several Paramedic Memorial Bells to enable paramedics across Canada to be able to access them. The Paramedic Memorial Bells are owned by Tour Paramedic Ride, with the exception of the bell in British Columbia, which is owned by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 873 (Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia).
- 2.2. Tour Paramedic Ride also owns the copyright to the name “Paramedic Memorial Bell”. In addition, “Paramedic Memorial Bell” and the actual bells, with the exception of the bell in use in British Columbia, are trademarks of Tour Paramedic Ride.
 - 2.2.1. Neither the term “Paramedic Memorial Bell” nor the actual bells, with the exception of the bell in British Columbia, may be used except as permitted by this policy.
 - 2.2.2. Tour Paramedic Ride permits the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 873 to use the term Paramedic Memorial Bell for as long as it used in a manner consistent with this policy.
 - 2.2.3. Similarly, Tour Paramedic Ride may, from time to time, allow other bells to be called a Paramedic Memorial Bell, provided it is used in a manner consistent with this policy.
 - 2.2.4. The Tour Paramedic Ride Board of directors may prohibit any bell from being called a Paramedic Memorial Bell at any time.



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2.3. Every person who is in possession of a Paramedic Memorial Bell shall abide by the Tour Paramedic Ride Code of Conduct (TPR Policy #1).

3. THE DESIGN OF THE BELLS

3.1. Tour Paramedic Ride shall:

- 3.1.1. Have a bell that is capable of being rung,
- 3.1.2. Have a base on which the bell shall be mounted to allow it to be free standing,
- 3.1.3. Have the names of all the Canadian Paramedics who have died in the line of duty, as recognized by the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation,
- 3.1.4. Be constructed in a durable manner that permits the Bell, along with its base to be transported without being damaged and;
- 3.1.5. Never be in a state, or bear any marks on inscription, that is disrespectful to the Fallen, the Families of the Fallen, those who suffer in silence, or Tour Paramedic Ride.

4. BELL CEREMONIES

- 4.1. The Paramedic Memorial Bells may be used at Tour Paramedic Ride Events to commemorate the Fallen Paramedics and those who continue to suffer in silence.
- 4.2. To use a Paramedic Memorial Bell at a Tour Paramedic Ride Event, a ceremony, or for any other purpose, written permission must be granted, in advance:
 - 4.2.1. by the Tour Paramedic Ride Board of Directors, except
 - 4.2.2. in British Columbia, by CUPE Local 873.
- 4.3. At ceremonies involving the Paramedic Memorial Bell,
 - 4.3.1. The name of each Fallen Paramedic, accompanied by his or her province or service, shall be read out loud such that those attending the ceremony can hear each name;



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- 4.3.2. After the reading out of each name, the Bell shall be rung one time. The Bell shall be rung loud enough such that those attending the ceremony can hear it;
- 4.3.3. After all the names of the Fallen Paramedics are read out, and the Bell has been rung for each Paramedic, words to the effect of “The Bell shall be wrung more time for all those who suffer in silence”, after which the Bell shall be wrung one final time;
- 4.3.4. There shall then be one minute of silence.
- 4.3.5. While a Tour Paramedic Bell is being rung, everyone in attendance shall remove their head coverings unless their religion prevents them from doing so.

5. CARE OF PARAMEDIC MEMORIAL BELLS

- 5.1. The Paramedic Memorial Bells shall be maintained in a state of good repair at all times by all those who use them.
- 5.2. The Paramedic Memorial Bells shall never be displayed or used in a ceremony when in a state of obvious disrepair.
- 5.3. Tour Paramedic Ride is responsible for the maintenance and safe keeping of the Paramedic Memorial Bells, with the exception of the bell used in British Columbia. Any person who notices that a Paramedic Memorial Bell is in a state of disrepair shall immediately report their concern to the directors of Tour Paramedic Ride and, in British Columbia only, to CUPE Local 873.
- 5.4. A copy of this policy shall be stored with the Paramedic Memorial Bells to allow users of the Bells to reference it.
- 5.5. No modifications shall be made to the Bells without the approval of the TPR Board. This includes, but is not limited to the addition or removal of names or changes to the appearance of the Bells.

6. BREACH OF THIS POLICY

- 6.1. Breaches of this policy shall be subject to discipline using the procedure set out in the TPR Code of Conduct (TPR Policy #1).



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6.2. Breaches of this policy may also constitute a breach of the TPR Code of Conduct (TPR Policy #1).

6.3. The Tour Paramedic Ride Board of Directors may prohibit any person who has breached this policy from being the possession of a Paramedic Memorial Bell or attending a ceremony at which a Paramedic Memorial Bell is used.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

7.1. This Code of Conduct was approved by the Tour Paramedic Ride National Board of Directors on: March 19, 2021