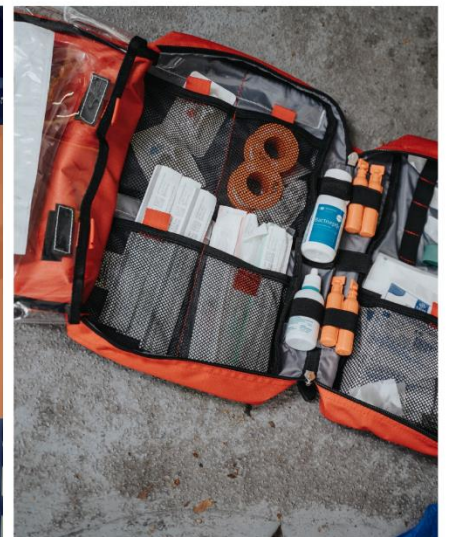


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Dani - BC Ambulance Paramedic | By Photographer/Author - Jennifer Dowd

Dani is a Paramedic with **9 years** of experience. She started her career in Alberta and then transplanted to Victoria. She's funny, kind, compassionate, smart, skillful, and driven to help people.

In her own words, Dani provides some insights into her life as a Paramedic.

Question 1: What interested you in this profession?

"What originally interested me in this profession was the Autonomy and ability to be there for someone in the worst moment of their life."

Question 2: Why do you think this profession is important?

"This profession is important because for many emergencies time plays a key role in long-term outcomes. To be able to bridge that gap of service to the hospital and make a dramatic difference in the quality of life when they leave."

Question 3: What do you want people to know about this profession?

"I would like people to know this profession is changing. We aren't just "ambulance drivers" anymore. We have a large scope of practice and are now very skilled trained medical professionals. Our path is similar to the nurses, we are fighting for professional medical recognition like they did not so long ago."

Question 4: How does your family feel about you doing this profession?

"My family would be supportive of any career that I chose, but I do find they constantly ask me if I'm 'Sure' this is right for me. They can see the mental and physical toll that shift work and stress takes on me."

Question 5: What's the greatest thing about your profession?

"The greatest thing about this profession is the amazingly interesting people that we meet daily. 7 am we could be meeting a 97-year-old man who lived through the war, then at noon, you're bringing a baby into the world. It's crazy, and you learn so much from every patient."