



## *Steve - BC Ambulance Paramedic | By Photographer/Author - Jennifer Dowd*

Steve is a Paramedic with **16 years** of experience. He's super talented and highly skilled. Compassionate, funny, smart, and kind. He has a passion for helping people.

In his own words, Steve provides some insights into his life as a Paramedic.

### *Question 1: What interested you in this profession?*

"Growing up, my Grandfather was part of a volunteer fire department, and I come from a long line of nurses on my mother's side. Medical conversations were normal dinner conversations.

I joined the military with the idea of being a medic but after nearly 10 years of service, I had to 'jump ship' for the justice institute and BC Ambulance Service. I found Paramedicine to be the right combination of professionalism, teamwork, discipline, autonomy, and medicine."

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

"Paramedics play a vital link in our healthcare system. We bring people to the Emergency room, and if required bring emergency interventions to the people!"

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

"It's not every call or every shift but the people we serve day to day can rely on Paramedics and Dispatchers to be there on what could be the worst day of their lives. We are people too, who wake up, put on a uniform, and show up when called. This choice of profession can be difficult, but also incredibly rewarding. With the bonus of no two days ever being the same."

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

"My wife works as a Dispatcher for the Ambulance Service. I am grateful to be part of a family where we understand the hard parts of the job, celebrate the wins together, and can support each other."

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

"It is such a privilege, The privilege of being able to help!"