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## *Cheryl – BC Ambulance Paramedic | By Photographer/Author – Jennifer Dowd*

Cheryl is a Paramedic with **14 years** of experience. She's intelligent, kind, compassionate, and caring and has a passion for helping people.

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

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

"The ability to help people. No two days are the same. I enjoy harnessing the chaos of what a day may bring."

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

"Paramedics make a difference. We are the first medical professionals a person in distress may see. Being able to help mitigate the damage of illness or injury is huge."

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

"We are human. We are proud of the job we do to help and serve our communities. There is an emotional and physical toll that this job takes on you but as long as you check in with yourself, acknowledging what you have witnessed rather than suppressing it, you can get through anything."

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

"They are proud of me, but they worry. They worry about safety and what could happen to me. The situations Paramedics head into every day are unknown and can be unsafe. But some of that worry is mitigated because they know I have an amazing Paramedic partner that has my back in any situation."

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

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