

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker



1. On October 31, 2018, Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. 30

gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: _____

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

_____ on _____ at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

See attached.

22-Nov, 2018
Date


Signature

Re: Reply to EMS Questions from October 31, 2018

I provide the following response to your written questions dated October 31, 2018 respecting various staffing matters within Yukon Emergency Medical Services (YEMS). My response takes into consideration the protection of personal privacy requirements and the confidentiality of recruitment processes.

Further, staffing actions within YEMS that are attributed to Yukon government's duty to accommodate are not disclosed. As you can appreciate, first responders have a higher incidence of trauma including PTSD than many other professions and we are actively engaged and continuously responsive to the needs of our staff in support of our commitment to mental wellness.

As of November 1st the YEMS staffing is as follows:

1. The number of people currently employed as Auxiliary-On-Call Paramedics.

Community Paramedic:	2
Critical Care Paramedic:	3
Primary Care Paramedic:	12
Community Responder:	1 (Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), not a paramedic)

2. The number of Auxiliary-On-Call paramedics who have been serving in this capacity for more than one year.

Community Paramedic:	2
Critical Care Paramedic:	3
Primary Care Paramedic:	10

3. The number of Full Time positions in YEMS which have been filled in the past two years by hiring someone from outside the Yukon.

Primary Care Paramedic (Perm FT):	1
Primary Care Paramedic (Perm PT):	1

4. The number of Full Time positions in YEMS that have been filled in the past two years by hiring someone from outside the Yukon, which people who were already employed by YEMS as Auxiliary-On-Call paramedics also applied on.

Answer is the same as question 3

- 5a. The number of paramedics employed as Auxiliary-On-Call who have unsuccessfully applied on a Full Time position that was given to a non-resident of the Yukon in the past two years.

To protect personal privacy and confidentiality of the recruitment process, no response is provided.

5b. The number of paramedics from Outside with less than one year of job experience post-graduation who were offered Full Time positions in the last two years.

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6. A monthly breakdown of the number of people who have left a position with YEMS as an Auxiliary-On-Call paramedic in the last two years.

Year	Month	#		Position	
2016	Nov	1		Community Care Paramedic	
2017	Mar	2		Community Care Paramedic	
	May	1		Primary Care Paramedic	
	Dec	1		Community Responder	
2018	Apr	1		Primary Care Paramedic	
	May	1		Primary Care Paramedic	
	Jul	1		Community Care Paramedic	
	Oct	1		Primary Care Paramedic	

7. Information regarding the amount of notice which is provided to Auxiliary-On-Call paramedics about their schedule, including whether the amount of notice has been reduced.

Advance notice: Staff will be assigned shifts based upon their approved leave requests. AOCR, AOC and Casual staff may be assigned shifts at least one (1) pay period in advance of the shift with notice via email, telephone call or text message.

Short Notice: Staff will be contacted via their provided primary telephone number, personal email or text message to accept or refuse the shift. If a staff member cannot be reached, a brief message will be left, which details the time and date of the shift.

8. Information Regarding why it is more difficult for YEMS volunteers to get Naloxone kits than it is for the general public.

It is not more difficult for YEMS volunteers to get Naloxone kits than it is for the general public. The availability of Naloxone to the public is a program administered by Health and Social Services and this is independent from outfitting EMS with kits. All EMS ambulances and response units are equipped with Naloxone and/or EMS Naloxone administration kits and there are no identified concerns associated with the availability of Naloxone for our EMS response units.

9. The number of current YEMS volunteers in each community.

COMMUNITY	*APPROX # OF VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS
BEAVER CREEK	5
CARCROSS	7
CARMACKS	6
DAWSON CITY*	11
DESTRUCTION BAY	7
EAGLE PLAINS	3
FARO	8
HAINES JUNCTION	12
MARSH LAKE	7
MAYO	10
PELLY CROSSING	4
ROSS RIVER	5
TAGISH	9
TESLIN	8
WATSON LAKE*	10

- Hybrid model stations. Full time responders M-F during business hours

10. The policy on allowing YEMS volunteers to do 'ride alongs' with paramedics to gain more experience in dealing with health emergencies?

Yes, we have a policy in place for EMS volunteers as well as others to take part in a ride along. The following lists those eligible to participate in ride along opportunities.

- Doctors on locum or who are new to the Yukon and are interested in YEMS Operations.
- Medical Residents who are new to the Yukon and are interested in YEMS Operations.

- Employees of Community Nursing interested in YEMS Operations.
- Students enrolled in an accredited Paramedic, Nursing or Physician Training program.
- Emergency Medical Responders scheduled to work as a designated responder.
- Volunteers or First Aid Instructors working for an accredited first aid training program.
- High School seniors considering a career in Paramedicine or those on a sanctioned work experience program.
- YEMS stakeholders interested in experiencing EMS operations.
- Media representative gathering information for a background story or publication.
- Interested parties approved on a case-by-case basis by the YEMS Management Team