

MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF PARAMEDICINE



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1953

There were many developments made in paramedicine over the 20th Century during WWI, WWII, and the Korean conflict. Medic training and advancements in the field helped decrease the mortality rate during each war. By 1953 battlefied casualties were 2.5%.

1969

On June 6, 1969 the initial set of Bylaws were implemented by the Alberta Ambulance Operators Association.

1976

The Alberta Medical Association released a document of recommendations including establishment of a 24-hour ambulance service system for ground and air ambulance components. In 1979, Emergency Services Branch of Alberta outlined a plan to design a ground ambulance program as part of an improved EMS system for Alberta.

1985

In 1985 the *Health Disciplines Act* (HDA) was also amended to include both EMT-As and EMT-Ps. On December 31, 1985, the EMT Regulation of the HDA came into effect and governed both EMTs and EMT-Ps.

1986

The continued lobbying for ambulance legislation from AAOA led to revisions of the Ambulance Standards. They also approved an “EMS Awareness Week” to promote patient care and ambulance service in Alberta. *The first EMS week in Alberta was held in 1987.*

1988

A motion was carried to merge the Registered Emergency Medical Technicians of Alberta (REMTAA) & the Registered Emergency Paramedic Association of Alberta (REPAA) which were the two regulating associations.

1989

The Alberta Prehospital Professions Association (APPA) became the governing body for EMTs and EMT-Ps in Alberta. On August 16, the Minister of Health introduced the *Ambulance Services Act* that was used to govern all ambulance services.

1992

Emergency Medical Responder training was established in 1992 as a minimum level of training as established by the *Ambulance Services Act*.

1994

By 1994, all ambulance services personnel in the province had to be a minimum of EMR. The goal was to ensure all provinces had a minimum level of care established being the Emergency Medical Responder standard.

2000

The Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) established the National Occupational Competency Profile (NOCP) to create national standards for education programs and provide a tool to assist regulators establish workplace standards.

2009

Paramedic regulators initiated a Labour Mobility project that the Government of Canada sponsored, and formed COPR with a goal of establishing national registration examinations.

2016

The Alberta College of Paramedics proclaimed into the *Health Professions Act* - joining 26 other regulated healthcare professions in Alberta.

2020

The entire paramedic profession *Redefined Resilience* while adapting and changing throughout the COVID-19 outbreak.

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