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Media Reports Concerning Paramedics Conduct Inaccurate

2004/09/20 – Recent media reports suggesting two Winnipeg paramedics have been accused of inappropriate conduct are both misleading and grossly inaccurate.

According to Eric Glass, Chairman of the Paramedic Association of Manitoba, “The article (Fire-hall strip show) that appeared in the Winnipeg Sun this weekend leaves readers with very serious misconceptions surrounding events relating to the incident in question”. “It is our understanding that although two Winnipeg paramedics were indeed placed on administrative leave, they were told it was being done to ensure not only a thorough and unbiased investigation of an alleged incident, but also to remove them from a potentially difficult work environment”, says Glass.

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba is a professional Association that represents both urban and rural paramedics province-wide in efforts to promote the highest quality of emergency medical services and pre-hospital care possible. “We strive to address the needs of our patients and our profession”, says Glass. “Had there been allegations of inappropriate conduct by any member of our profession, we would have taken them very seriously ourselves.” Glass adds “It’s unfortunate that the professional conduct of these two paramedics comes into question simply because the amalgamation of Fire and Ambulance services in Winnipeg had them stationed at the fire-hall in question.”

The paramedics were not sleeping and awakened by noise as reported, and in fact spent very little time throughout the course of that night shift at the fire-hall.

The Paramedic Association of Manitoba represents the professional interests of Emergency Medical Services practitioners to ensure the well-being and appropriate medical treatment of patients.

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