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Recognition of Brian Moloughney

Every year at the CUPE Ambulance Committee of Ontario (CACO) Conference, one paramedic is selected by his or her peers to receive the exemplary service award. The exemplary service award was created to recognize those paramedics who, over the course of their careers, have gone above and beyond both for their union and their profession as a whole. This year the exemplary service award was given to CUPE 503 Council Member and Senior Shop Steward, Brian Moloughney.

Brian's selection for this award reflects his years of dedicated service to the profession of paramedicine and his commitment to advancing the cause of trade unionism.

Brian has been a union activist for more than twenty years, first with OPSEU and then since the downloading of land ambulance service to municipalities in 2001, with CUPE.

Brian's battles to protect the interests of paramedics extend back to the late 1990's when he fought back efforts by various private sector ambulance companies hoping to get the Region of Ottawa Carleton to adopt a private rather than public sector model for the delivery of land ambulance service. When paramedics joined Local 503 in 2001, Brian asked to become a shop steward and he has served in that role continuously for the past thirteen years.

As a shop steward and then later as a member of Executive Council, Brian took on responsibilities well beyond what was typical. He has served as an advisor to two coroner's inquests, participated in the negotiation of several collective agreements, assisted fellow medics with base hospital difficulties and helped with more grievance and arbitration hearings than can be counted.

Over this past year, Brian has also taken on the role of mentor to a new generation of paramedic shop stewards and union activists as he is determined that others will continue where he leaves off.

CUPE 503 is proud to have Brian as a member and we congratulate him on his award.

