

# HELP KEEP EMS DISPATCH

# LOCAL

Join the Mayors of Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge and Wood Buffalo in requesting the Premier reverse the decision to consolidate emergency ambulance dispatch.

## CONSOLIDATED EMS DISPATCH UNDER ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES MEANS:



### SLOWER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES

Municipal dispatch centres dispatch faster than Alberta Health Services in life and death emergencies where seconds count.

The City of Red Deer dispatches an ambulance, on average, 18-21 seconds faster than AHS.

Red Deer - 67s  
AHS Central - 85s  
AHS North - 90s  
AHS South - 91s



### LACK OF LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Municipal dispatchers know the unique geography, landmarks and the local lingo in their respective regions.



### LACK OF INTEGRATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In 40% of calls, the fire unit arrives first on-scene, and because our firefighters are cross-trained as paramedics they provide life-saving care minutes before an ambulance arrives.

Under the proposed AHS model, the Advanced Life Support firemedics wouldn't be dispatched to medical calls immediately or at all.



### NO COST SAVINGS

In 2019, if our communities were to bill AHS for the times that a fire unit was dispatched for provincial medical services; it would cost the province \$12.35M.

Lethbridge - \$2.3M  
Calgary - \$6.7M  
Red Deer - \$2.15M  
RMWB - \$1.2M



Write, call and email the Premier with your concerns on how consolidated EMS dispatch hurts Red Deerians and Albertans.

**JASON KENNEY, Premier**

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