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### MEMBER BULLETIN

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#### **OKIB Fire Department to cease medical responses immediately**

The Okanagan Indian Band Fire Department today announced that it will not be responding to emergency medical calls effective immediately.

The Fire Department does not have the necessary safety equipment (N-95 masks, face shields and suits) to safely respond to calls. The Fire Chiefs of BC has mandated that fire personnel follow appropriate safety protocols and OKIB wants to follow that protocol.

Work is being done to procure the right equipment. Once this happens and firefighters are properly trained the fire department will recommence regular response to health emergencies. In the meantime, the BC Ambulance Service will respond when calling **9-1-1**.

Safety of our members is paramount and we thank you for your understanding at this time.