

## College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia

### Consent Reprimand

McCARTHY, CHRISTOPHER

AMHERST, NOVA SCOTIA  
CPNS Registration Number: 13409

On April 6, 2022, the Investigation Committee of the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia (CPNS) ordered, pursuant to section 67(6)(a)(i) of the *Paramedics Regulations*, and with the consent of Mr. McCarthy, that he receive a reprimand for breaching patient confidentiality. Mr. McCarthy acknowledged that following a call in which he responded to a patient in distress, he disclosed highly sensitive information regarding the patient's identity and health to several individuals, and that in doing so, he breached patient confidentiality. Based on the available information, the Committee was satisfied that Mr. McCarthy breached the *Code of Ethics* and the *Standards of Practice* related to, *inter alia*, acting in a manner that ensures the patient's confidentiality, respecting the rights of the patient, maintaining professional accountability, and maintaining high standards of personal and professional conduct.

The Committee determined that under these circumstances, Mr. McCarthy's breach of the *Code of Ethics* and *Standards of Practice* was dishonourable and unprofessional, and that pursuant to s. 67(4)(g) of the *Regulations*, there is sufficient evidence that, if proven, would constitute professional misconduct. The Committee therefore determined that a reprimand was the appropriate outcome in this situation.

On May 4, 2022, Mr. McCarthy consented to the reprimand.