

## College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia

### Consent Reprimand

LYCAN, Scott

Colchester, Nova Scotia

CPNS Registration Number: 13133

On November 3, 2021 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. Lycan, that he receive a reprimand for breaching patient confidentiality.

It was alleged that Mr. Lycan breached patient confidentiality on two occasions. The first occasion related to an incident wherein patient documentation was left in an ambulance and was discovered by another paramedic crew. Following this incident, Mr. Lycan was coached on the importance of patient privacy. The second incident related to Mr. Lycan intentionally accessing the details of an emergency call to which he was not assigned. Mr. Lycan indicated that he viewed the information because he was concerned that it may have involved individuals he knew. Mr. Lycan ultimately accepted responsibility for both incidents. Based on the available documentation and Mr. Lycan's submissions, the Committee was satisfied that he breached the *Standards* and the *Code of Ethics* related to, *inter alia*, professionalism and confidentiality.

The Committee determined that under these circumstances, Mr. Lycan's breach of the *Code of Ethics* and *Standards of Practice* was 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 January 25, 2022, Mr. Lycan consented to the reprimand.