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To: All Unit Chiefs

Re: Distribution of FAST Decals to Ambulance Fleet

Fleet Operations has begun distributing Heart and Stroke Foundation FAST decals to stations in non-metro areas that have not previously received the decals. This initiative is in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's national campaign to help Canadians recognize the signs of stroke and act FAST.

For Your Action: Once you receive the decals, please follow the instructions in the attached documents on how to apply to the ambulances at your station. Note that the instructions differ depending on whether the ambulance is Crestline or Demers.

Once the decals are affixed, please contact [Preet Grewal](#) or [Trevor Pancoust](#) in BCEHS Communications about publicizing this partnership in your community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fleet Operations by email at EHSFleetAdmin@bcehs.ca or phone at 1-877-652-7465, option 4.

Thank-you,

Original signed by

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Attachment

HOW TO APPLY FAST DECALS TO YOUR AMBULANCE.

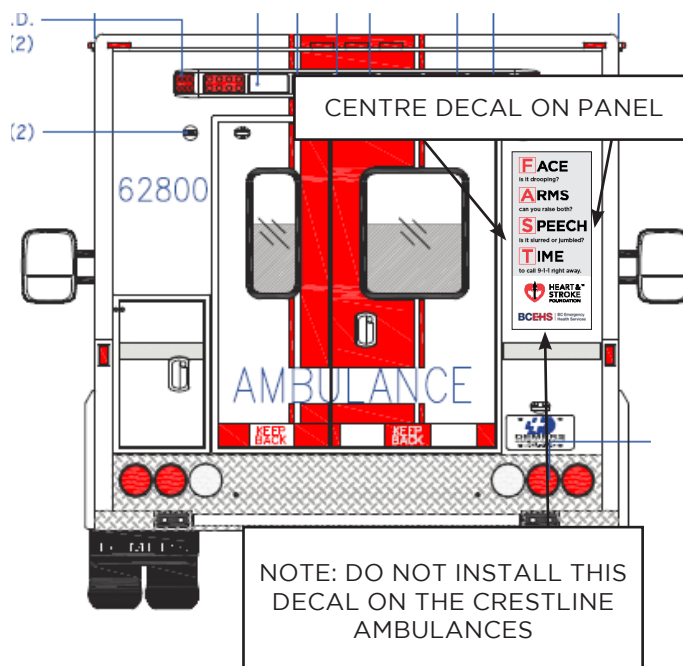
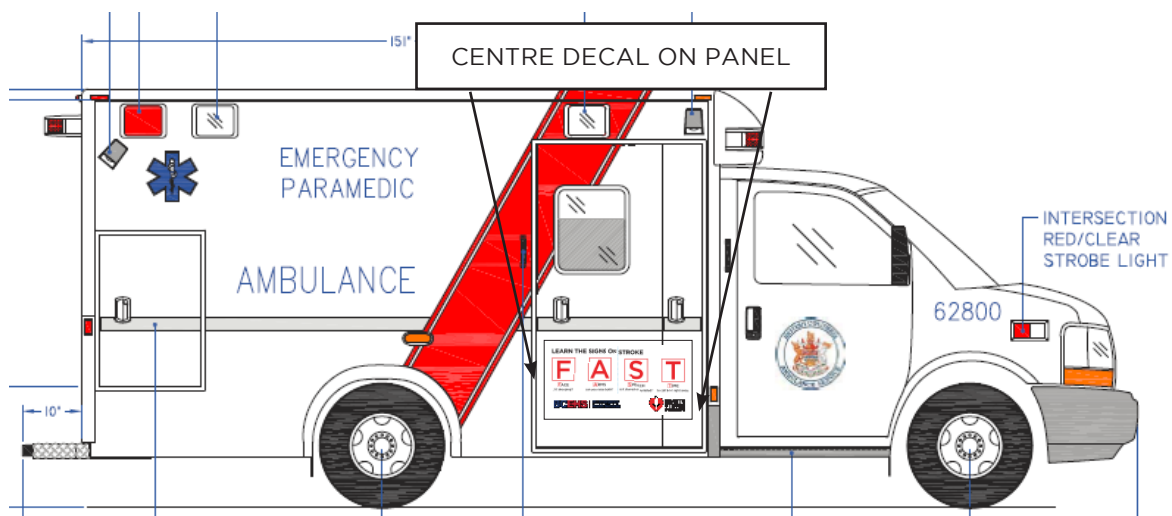


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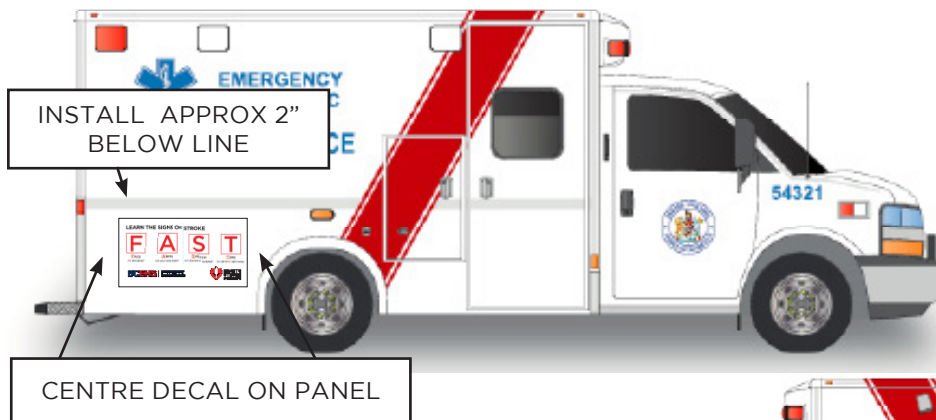
Watch a demonstration of how to install your decals here: bit.ly/28ZaJnl

PREPARATION

1. Apply the decals in a protected area, to avoid interference from rain or wind.
2. You'll need the following supplies:
 - Soapy water
 - Paper towel
 - Wax pencil
 - Measuring tape
 - Green painter's tape
 - Exacto knife
 - Squeegee or credit cards
3. The decals are designed to go on both sides of the ambulance, as well as on the back. Refer to diagram, and make sure decals are applied consistently across the entire fleet.



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APPLICATION

1. Clean the surface area – don't use Windex; it leaves a film. Use a few drops of dishwashing liquid in water, and spray or sponge it onto the vehicle. Wipe it off with paper towel.
2. Use the tape measure and wax pencil to mark where the decal will be applied, centering it as appropriate, and ensuring that it's level. Mark where the top of the decal should be, and where the center of the decal should be, and put a mark on the center of the decal too.
3. Use the painter's tape to temporarily attach the decal to the vehicle surface, lining it up with your penciled 'top' line and 'center' line.
4. Use a long piece of painter's tape to 'hinge' the decal across the middle. Now you can remove the temporary tape from half of the decal.
5. Peel that half of the decal away from its backing, and let it drop over the tape hinge. Use your knife to slice through the backing, and remove that half of the backing.
6. Carefully lift up the sticky part and apply it from the hinge out, holding the squeegee at a bit of an angle and using diagonal strokes to work the air out as you go. Don't press too hard. Smooth the edges out.
7. Now remove the hinging tape and the temporary tape on the other half of the decal.
8. Lift the other half of the decal away, and peel off the backing paper as you squeegee the remaining sticky side onto the vehicle. Again, smooth the edges out.
9. Use a bit more soapy water to clean off the wax pencil marks, and you're done!

TROUBLESHOOTING

If the decal starts to stick in the wrong area while you're applying it, pull it back quickly and assertively; don't try to peel it off slowly or it will stretch. Then reapply.

If you notice an air bubble after you've applied the decal you can try using the squeegee or credit card to ease it out. You may have to use your knife to cut a slit in the decal below the bubble, and ease the air out through the slit.