




DISCUSSION POINTS



- A bit about me & my journey
- The Rod Kershaw Scholarship
- My scholarship to Canada
- Where to from here- International Paramedic Exchange

WHO AM I? WHAT MOTIVATED ME...





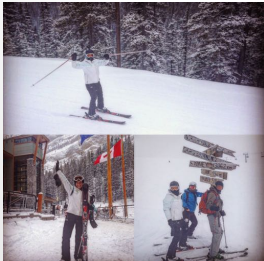

- Sarah Evreniadis, 27, Adelaide
- Studied at Flinders University '06-'09, SAAS paramedic internship in 2010/11
- Metro Emergency Operations South-East past 7½ years, Clinical Instructor past 2 years
- Always intrigued with idea of working overseas, decided to take a look at possible exchange opportunities... except there were none.
- Started to develop a business initiative, and then...



ROD KERSHAW SCHOLARSHIP

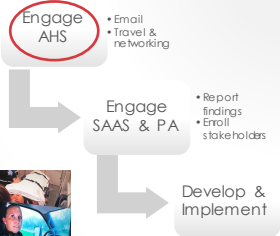

- Co-sponsored by PA (SA) and SA Ambulance
- Provides successful applicant with the opportunity to research anywhere in the world of their choosing
- Must be relevant to paramedicine profession
- Chance to discover and implement innovative equipment, systems or processes already in use elsewhere
- Financial support- up to \$7000 towards travel expenses
- Up to 28 days of travel
- Must be employed by SAAS and a member of PA
- Honoring namesake Rod Kershaw, life member and former president of PA, retired from SAAS in 2008

CANADA & AUSTRALIA









MY TRIP TO CANADA

- Proposing a work/life swap
- Engaged as many company and state government stakeholders in Calgary and Edmonton as possible
- Gain exposure to daily runnings of service delivery
- Generate interest within Alberta EMS/network

- Same sense of humour/coping mechanisms
- Same demographics of employees.....and patients
- Same MPDS computer aided dispatch system
- Same system-wide issues:
 - Ramping vs corridor waits/hallway nursing
 - Overarching hospital capacity reviews/diverts in place



- Still employ private contractors and fire departments to deliver EMS to some rural/remote communities
- Differences in service delivery/specialty teams even between Calgary and Edmonton (due to historically being separate services), including state of the art stroke truck and mobile sim unit.
- The weather!!!!

SAME SAME... BUT DIFFERENT

THE CHALLENGES

Multitude of project challenges that need to be worked through:

- Initial contact
- Operational world entering a corporate setting
- Gaining face to face contact with all interested parties

1. Registration/equivalency
2. Reciprocity in scope of practice. ?bridging course
3. Immigration
4. Driving licensing and training
5. Pay structure
6. HR entitlements
7. Union membership

RECCOMENDATIONS

- GIVE IT A GO!!!
- Ensure you have enough personal time and motivation
- Have a backup plan
- Keep an eye out for this years application opening

<https://www.paramedics.org/keishaw/>



WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The next steps to define the road ahead.



- Develop a focus group incorporating points of contact from each stakeholder group both internally and within state-wide government and external stakeholder groups.

THANK YOU!

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