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108 Ontario paramedics receive exemplary service medals

(Kingston) – On Thursday, October 6, the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) awarded 108 paramedics the Governor General’s Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal. These paramedics come from 28 of the province’s 56 paramedic services, including nine paramedics from Ornge air ambulance service.

The award is presented to paramedics who have served for at least twenty years providing the highest quality of care. To qualify, at least ten of the years of service must have been on duty in the field – whether on the street or in the air - involving potential risk to the individual. Nominees can be currently active, retired or deceased.

“We have so many dedicated paramedics in Ontario and the OAPC is proud to present these medals every year,” said OAPC President, Chief Michael Sanderson. “These 108 professionals have shown up every day for over a decade putting the care for their communities first. It’s an honour to recognize them.”

The Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1994 by the late Governor General Romeo LeBlanc, as a component of the Canadian Honours System. Since the award’s inception, there have been approximately 2,100 Ontario recipients of the medal.

Please see the attached backgrounder for the full list of this year’s recipients.

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About the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

The Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs is the voice of paramedic leadership in Ontario. Our organization promotes a culture of change surrounding paramedicine that is guided by evidence-based decision-making and seeks best practices in the provision of paramedic services. The Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs represents the Paramedic Services leadership in 52 Designated Delivery Agents (DDA), consisting of regional, county and municipal governments, and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) across Ontario. Our members also include Ornge and the six First Nations Emergency Medical Services. Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs members oversee the work of 11,000 primary, advanced and critical care paramedics as well as 830 ambulances and 300 emergency response vehicles across the Province.



BACKGROUND

The 2022 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal recipients are:

Cornwall SDB Paramedic Service

Marie-Noel Larochelle-Blouin
Carol Lavalliere
Robert Lavigne
Eric Sequin

County of Renfrew Paramedic Service

Jan Farrell
Gerry Slobodzian

County of Simcoe Paramedic Service

Brian Allan
Selena Fletcher
Stephen Hagerman
Marianne Orsan

District of Nipissing Paramedic Service

Kristin Furino
Andrea Guenette

Essex Windsor EMS

David Cakebread
Michella Mollicone
Donna Moss
Kimberly Myers
Slawomir Pulcer

Frontenac Paramedic Services

Joseph Banks
David Giroux
Dianne Nielsen
Mark O'Meara
James Campbell Pearce

Greater Sudbury Paramedic Services

Curtis Labelle

Summer MacIsaac

Melissa Roney

Grey County Paramedic Services

Shawn Adams

Nathan Gonder

Richard Lachapelle

Haldimand County Paramedic Services

Lisa D'Archi Foster

Patrick Gallagher

Halton Region Paramedic Services

Lisa Boylan-Felsbourg

Francesca Desrosiers

Lake of the Woods Hospital, Kenora

Timothy Mark Cudney

Leeds Grenville Paramedic Service

Michael D. Lehman

Medavie EMS, Elgin County

Laura M. Bell

Tarah C. Gurski

Sarah L. Leason

Gordon B. Mathers

Muskoka Paramedic Service

William Coke

Niagara EMS

Tim Borowski

Kenneth Jensen

Leila Paugh

Lyle Renaud

Kenneth Smalko

Gregory Thimmig

Northumberland Paramedic Service

David Rodgers

Northwest EMS, Kenora DSB

James Dawe

William Makahnouk

Ornge

Arnie Armesto

Esther Crawley

Brandon Doneff

Travis Given

Jason Pevere

Mhari Powell

David Proulx

Rob Schembri

Dan Sewell

Cory Van Delst

Ottawa Paramedic Service

David Craig

Gillian Cross

Kelly Edwards

Krista Gifford

Benoit Jolicoeur

Shannon Leduc

John Shail

Oxford County Paramedic Service

Terry Chiu

Sherry Doerr

Ryan Hall

Parry Sound District EMS

Jean-Claude Bertrand

Peel Regional Paramedic Services

Jolene Fonseca

Jeanette Loughrey-Hay

Emily MacKenzie-Hay

Kim Thien Tran

Peterborough County-City Paramedics

Jeffrey Micks

Region of Durham Paramedic Services

Paul de Groot
Matthew Johnston
Jeffery Jordison
Stephanie Kay
Jennifer McLeish
Gonzalo Rocha
Linda Thompson

Region of Waterloo Paramedic Services

Dale Turner

Toronto Paramedic Services

Jeffery Bays
Joseph Bothelo
Darcy Brebner
Marc Dugas
David Flowers
Jay Gagne
Michael Grife
Steven Krasl
Duane Lichty
Christopher MacKinnon
Paul Schmidt
John Stone
Christopher Stubensey
Farlito Zambrano

United Counties of Prescott-Russell Paramedic Services

Christian Boudreau
Carl Caron
Daniel Carrier
Patrick Denis
Yves Peladeau

York Region Paramedic Services

Mark Gibson
Sandra Kerr
Jason Nash
Sean Robinson
Robyn-Lea Sevel
Marcus Williams
Andrea Zanini-Hooey