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39 Ontario paramedics recognized for excellence

(Toronto) – Today, 39 Ontario paramedics received their Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal bars for providing exemplary emergency medical services for at least 30 years. Honourary Lieutenant-General Richard Rohmer – the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chief’s Honourary Chief Emeritus – gave out the First, Second or Third Bars to these long-serving, deserving paramedics.

The late Governor General of Canada, Romeo LeBlanc, created the Medal in 1994 as part of the Canadian Honours System. This recognition recognizes paramedics who have provided the highest standard of care and conduct. To qualify, at least ten of the years of service must have been in field, on duty, involving potential risk.

Each Bar to the Exemplary Service Medal represents an additional award of the Medal. Paramedics who have served for at least thirty years receive their First Bar, forty years their Second Bar, and for fifty years, their Third Bar.

Please see the attached backgrounder for list of 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 55 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 1100 ambulances and 300 emergency response vehicles across the Province.

BACKGROUND

The 2022 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Bar recipients are:

Chatham-Kent

Mark Shaw – First Bar

Lanark County

G. Stephen Allen – First Bar

Gordon Cobus – First Bar

Bryan Pollock – First Bar

Elgin County

Rick Jason – First Bar

W. Brent Robbins – First Bar

Niagara

James Neufeld – First Bar

Kevin Smith – First Bar

Essex-Windsor

Bruce Krauter – Second Bar

James Neumiller – First Bar

Northumberland County

Susan Brown – First Bar

Great Sudbury

Gino St. Jean – First Bar

Ornge

Pat Auger – First Bar

Barb Cameron - First Bar

Barrie Martin - First Bar

Steven McNenly - First Bar

Grey County

Dennis Menegotto - First Bar

Ottawa

Robert Davidson – Second Bar

Gregory Drummond – First Bar

Craig MacInnes – First Bar

Stephanie Mills – First Bar

Hilton Radford – Second Bar

Halton

Michael Butt – Second Bar

David Geall – First Bar

Grant Rumford – First Bar

Renfrew County

Jeffry Latiok – First Bar

Darryl McLoughlin – First Bar

Hastings-Quinte

Scott Bennett - First Bar

Todd Lammorre - First Bar

Toronto

Lorne Burns - First Bar

Federico Galvan - First Bar

Sheree Heyhor - First Bar

Troy van Overdijk – First Bar

York

John Anderson - Second Bar

Jennifer Catlender - First Bar

Tim Deremo - First Bar

Shawn Hogan - First Bar

Sandra Hynds - First Bar

John Sacco – First Bar

