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65 Ontario paramedics recognized for excellence

(Toronto) – Today, 65 Ontario paramedics received their Governor General Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal bars for providing exemplary emergency medical services for 30, 40 and 50 years. Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvie Jones presented 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 years of service must have been in the 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 56 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 2023 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Bar recipients are:

Central East Prehospital Care Program (CEPCP)

Ian McAdams – First Bar

Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

Chief (ret'd) Paul J. Charbonneau – Third Bar

Cornwall

Elliot Montford – First Bar

Ornge

Michael Chad – First Bar
David Maynard – First Bar
Brad McArthur – First Bar
Matt Middaugh – First Bar
Paul Richard – First Bar
Robert Teranishi – First Bar
Peter Zanon – First Bar

Essex-Windsor

Meikel Gobet – Second Bar
Daniel R Metcalfe – First Bar
Mechelle Murphy – First Bar

Ottawa

Tracey Izzard – First Bar
Eric Villeneuve – First Bar

Guelph

Wendy Bieman – First Bar
Amy Benn – First Bar

Peel

Brian Parkes – Second Bar
Mark Symington – First Bar
Keith Young – First Bar

Haldimand

Stacy Inglis – First Bar

Perth

Michael Grosz – First Bar

Halton

Christine Barber – Second Bar
Douglas Hodge – Second Bar
Tom Stirling – Second Bar
Peter McMurrrough - First Bar
Roman Nowickyj – First Bar

Peterborough

Gregory Plummer – First Bar
Bradley Robinson – First Bar

Hamilton

Katie Campion – Second Bar
Craig McCleary - First Bar

Renfrew

Brian Leahey - First Bar
Michael Nolan - First Bar

Hastings-Quinte
Jeff Ashley - First Bar

Sault Ste. Marie
Jeffrey Orr - First Bar

Kawartha
Gregory Murphy – First Bar
Mark Oliver – First Bar

Simcoe
Ben Valentine - First Bar

Manitoulin-Sudbury
Dwayne Elliot – First Bar
Daniel Tremblay – First Bar

Superior North
Andrew Dillon - First Bar

Middlesex-London
Robert Gordon – Second Bar
Neal Roberts – Second Bar

Toronto
Glenn Brown – First Bar
Stefano Di Ciccio – First Bar
Ronald Hill – First Bar
David Littler - First Bar
Mike Wionzek – First Bar

Niagara
Rob Barbisan – First Bar
Dan Favero – First Bar
Cindy Favero – First Bar
Michael Lampman – First Bar

Waterloo
Dean Wick – Second Bar
Robert Crossan - First Bar
Andrea Gebbie – First Bar
Chris Mantynen – First Bar
Jeremy Parkinson – First Bar
Kevin Petendra – First Bar
Pamela Smith – First Bar
Jim Topham – First Bar

Norfolk
Stuart Burnett – First Bar
Bernie Garcia - First Bar
George Muszik - First Bar
Chris Takacs - First Bar

York
Cheryl Balsdon - First Bar
Richard McTeer – First Bar