



**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION
OF PARAMEDIC CHIEFS**



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49 Ontario paramedics recognized for 30+ years of exemplary service

Toronto – Today, 49 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. On behalf of Her Excellency The Right Honourable Mary Simon, Colonel Shane Elder, Deputy Commandant of the Canadian Forces College, presented the First, Second or Third Bars to these long serving and deserving paramedics at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

On July 7th, 1994, as part of the Canadian Honours System, the late Governor General of Canada, Romeo LeBlanc, created the Medal. This award 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 for 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 (OAPC) 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 OAPC 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 seven First Nations Emergency Medical Services. OAPC members oversee the work of 14,500 primary, advanced and critical care paramedics across the province.

BACKGROUNDER

The 2025 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Bar recipients are:

Algoma

Bruce W. Martin – First Bar

Bruce

Darryl Hopcraft - First Bar

Chatham-Kent

Kevin Langlois - Second Bar

Thomas Millard – Second Bar

Anthony Steadman – Second Bar

David Desmarais – First Bar

Michael Manery – First Bar

David Mireault – First Bar

Carolyn Ross – First Bar

Essex-Windsor

Daniel Pickle – Second Bar

Grace Morneau - First Bar

Kim Schroeder – First Bar

Frontenac

Gale Chevalier – First Bar

Greater Sudbury

Sylvie Michaud (Health Sciences North) - Second Bar

Garry Lauzon – First Bar

Corey Petrie (Health Sciences North) – First Bar

Grey

Leonard Verschuren – Second Bar

Haliburton

Timothy Waite – Second Bar

Halton

Donald Goldrup – Second Bar

Hamilton

Kevin Bullen - First Bar

Beverley Dunn - First Bar

Kawartha

Darcy C. Caffin – First Bar

Kenora

Jeffery Wetendorf – First Bar

Lambton

Josef Emilio – First Bar

Todd Martin – First Bar

William Blake Smith – First Bar

Middlesex-London

Michael Hurst – Second Bar

Bruce Wight – Second Bar

Kelli Matous – First Bar

Daniel Griffiths – First Bar

Niagara

Giovanni Prioriello - First Bar

Lynne Redman – First Bar

Nipissing

Daniel Raymond - First Bar

Norfolk

Carolyn Dostal – First Bar

Ottawa

Pierre Prud'Homme - First Bar

Brian Volker – First Bar

Peel

Bill Bernath - First Bar

Patrick John Forgie – First Bar

Renfrew

Robert Blackwell - First Bar

Sean Plunkett – First Bar

Hastings

Michael Slatter - First Bar

Huron

Gary Renaud – Third Bar

Karen Rollins-Beneteau – First Bar

Phillip Smith – First Bar

Toronto

James Burgin – First Bar

Gerrard McLeish – First Bar

Rich Rangel-Bron – First Bar

Claude Sylvain – First Bar

York

Karen Banks – First Bar