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Paramedics from across the Region receive Governor General's EMS Exemplary Service Medal

Muskoka/July 20, 2022 – 24 Paramedics from across the District of Muskoka, County of Simcoe and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation were awarded the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medals, recognizing their years of exceptional service. The Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon was represented by Lt. Col Jean-Martin Brault from Canadian Forces Base Borden at a special ceremony held July 19.

Those honoured at this event were part of a group of Ontario-based paramedics who received this medal in 2020 and 2021, and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the traditional ceremony was delayed. The special awards ceremony was held in Gravenhurst, joined by partners and fellow award recipients from the District of Muskoka, the County of Simcoe and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation Paramedic Services.

The Governor General's Medal recipients have achieved 20 years of exemplary service in emergency medical services – at least 10 of those years performing duties with potential risk. The Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created on July 7, 1994, recognizes professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency. For more details, visit www.gg.ca.

Quotes:

"We are very proud of the work that Carrie Hassberger accomplished in her time with Rama Paramedic Services. She served as both a paramedic and Chief, and always worked with dedication, determination, and a commitment to the community. We are better because of her, and we are happy to see her recognized with this medal." ~ Jeremy Parkin, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

"Today's honourees have served with distinction, acting as tremendous ambassadors for not only their service, but for paramedicine as a whole. Their compassion and commitment has left an indelible mark, and on behalf of the residents and visitors to the County of Simcoe, thank you and congratulations." ~ Warden George Cornell, County of Simcoe

"I am proud that the District of Muskoka is served by such amazing Paramedics, and I am very pleased to be part of this special recognition ceremony. Our community is well served by such outstanding paramedics." ~ District of Muskoka Chair John Klinck

About Chippewas of Rama First Nation:

Rama Paramedic Services provides assistance for the Chippewas of Rama First Nation and surrounding area. This covers a total population of approximately 10,500 people and generates approximately 1,200 calls annually.

About County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

About the District of Muskoka:

The District of Muskoka is made up of six area municipalities and is responsible for delivering critical public services and programs to residents in our community. To learn more about the District and Muskoka Paramedic Services, please our website at muskoka.on.ca

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Representatives from the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka joined together to recognize Paramedics who were awarded the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medals, recognizing their years of exceptional service in 2020 and 2021.