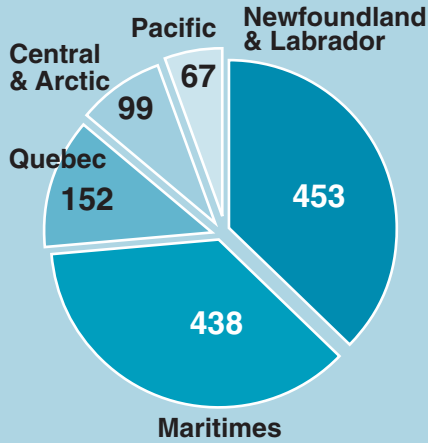


CCGA Vessels 2006



CCGA Pacific



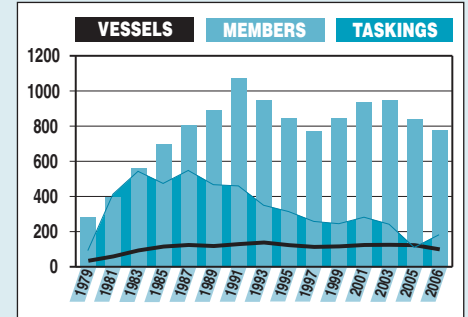
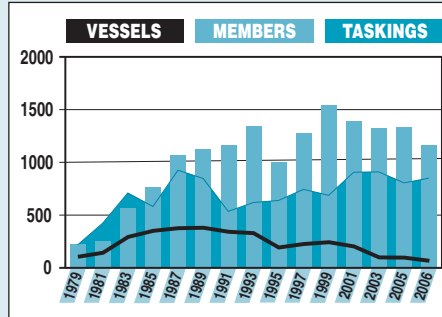
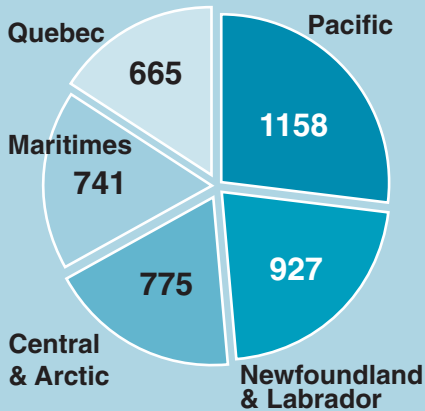
Bruce Falkins, President

CCGA Central & Arctic



Jack Kruger, President

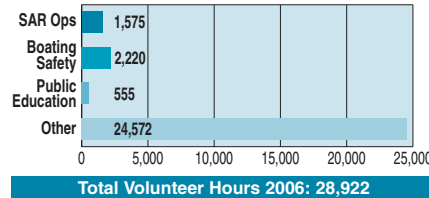
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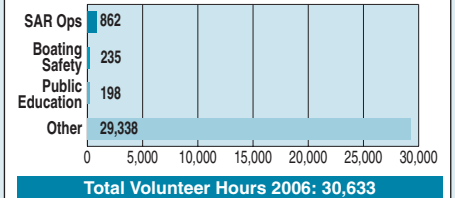
CCGA Pacific currently has 1,158 members and 67 enrolled vessels. In 2006, Auxiliaries were tasked 852 times.

CCGA Central & Arctic currently has 775 members and 99 enrolled vessels. In 2006, Auxiliaries were tasked 188 times to SAR incidents.

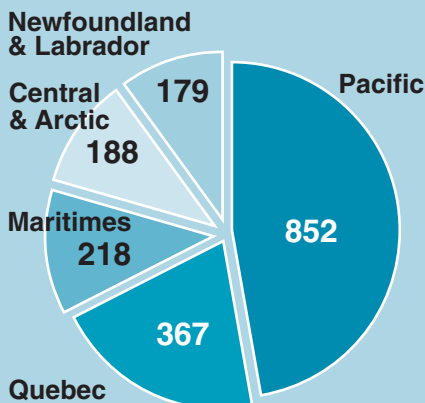
Pacific CCGA Volunteer Hours



Maritimes CCGA Volunteer Hours



CCGA Taskings 2006



Members participated in 1,227 training exercises and 91 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. Members also conducted 1,500 pleasure craft courtesy checks in 2006.

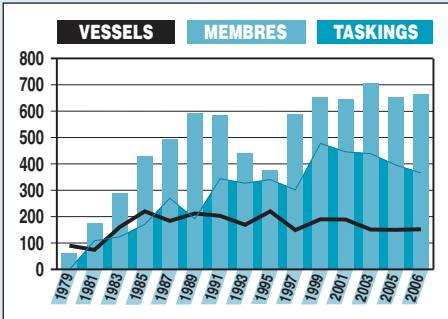


Auxiliaries participated in 19 training exercises and 209 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They also conducted 779 courtesy checks on pleasure crafts.

CCGA Quebec



Ted Smith, President

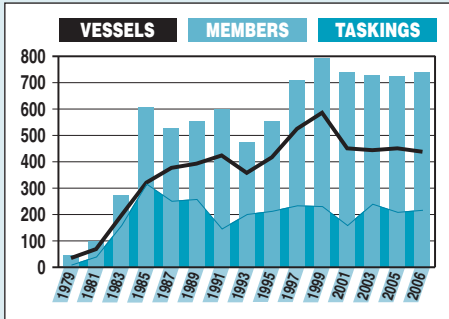


CCGA Quebec currently has 665 members and 152 enrolled vessels. In 2006, Auxiliaries were tasked 367 times to SAR incidents.

CCGA Maritimes

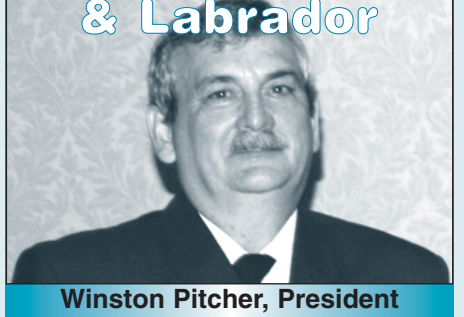


Frank McLaughlin, President

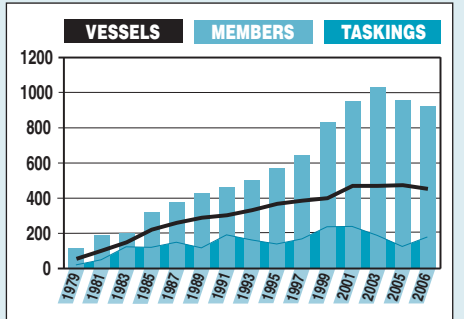


CCGA Maritimes currently has 741 members and 438 enrolled vessels. In 2006, Auxiliaries were tasked 218 times to SAR incidents.

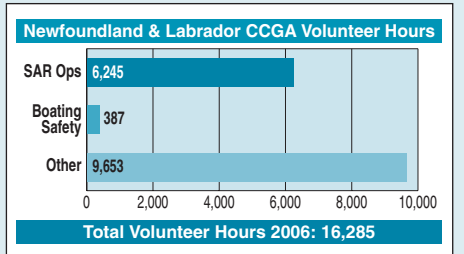
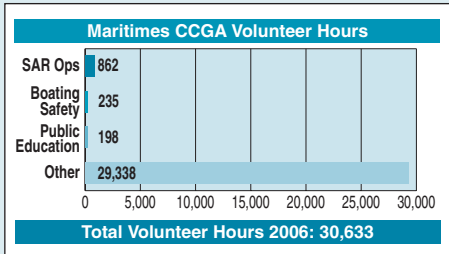
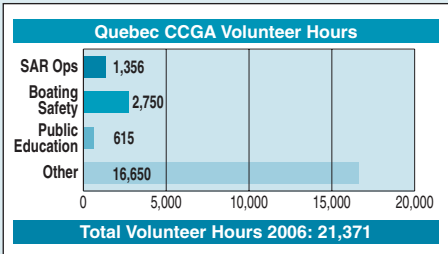
CCGA Newfoundland & Labrador



Winston Pitcher, President



CCGA Newfoundland and Labrador currently has 927 members and 453 enrolled vessels. In 2006, Auxiliaries were tasked 179 times to SAR incidents.



Auxiliary also participated in 70 training exercises and 45 boat shows, exhibitions and displays. They conducted 652 courtesy checks on pleasure crafts.



Auxiliaries participated in 15 training exercises. They also conducted 79 courtesy checks on pleasure crafts.



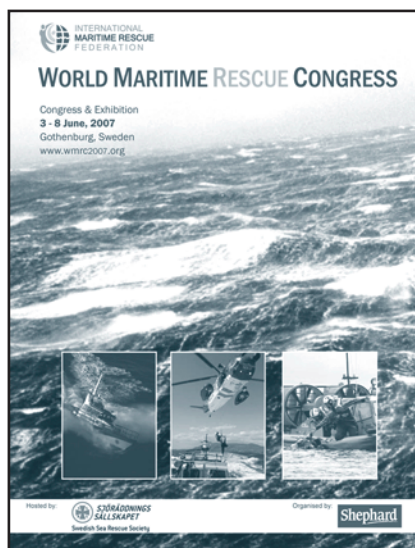
Auxiliaries participated in 22 training exercises and 8 boat shows.

CCGA Delegation Attends World Maritime Rescue Congress

A delegation representing the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary attended the World Maritime Rescue Congress 3 - 8 June, 2007 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

To stem the tragic loss of life at sea, the central theme of this Congress was International Co-operation in Maritime Search and Rescue. The event brought the world's maritime rescue community and its supplier partners together in one location. They openly shared knowledge, experience and technologies - for the good of all organizations and, more importantly, those who depend on volunteer rescue organizations.

The International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF) is the proud successor of the International Lifeboat Federation, the global body which has unit-



ed the world's maritime search and rescue services since 1924.

Today, the International Maritime Rescue Federation brings together more than 90 maritime emergency organizations, from the world's largest rescue services to newly formed start-up organizations, coming from more than 60 different countries around the world. This global community operates thousands of maritime and aeronautical rescue craft, representing tens of thousands of active maritime rescue personnel, all united in one common cause - preventing loss of life in the world's waters. ⚓

WORLD MARITIME RESCUE CONGRESS
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CCGA Member Assists with Rescue in Alaska

The CCGA-P office received this e-mail from Michael Robinson, Commodore for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 17 (Alaska).

CCGA-P Unit 1 Unit Leader Mike Cupit, who was attending the USCGAux.'s coxswain academy in Homer, Alaska, took part in a rescue of 13 people. Details are below:

The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Homer Alaska, Wednesday April 25, 2007 rescued 13 people from a sinking charter vessel. The D17 Coxswain academy was on the water with two auxiliary non-standard boats doing towing drills when the call was heard about a vessel taking on water.

Auxiliary vessel 275594 a 27' Safeboat responded, being the fastest platform with two 250hp outboards. The twenty mile transit was made at 40 knots and 275594 arrived on scene to a 40 foot charter vessel with 13 people aboard making way at about 6 knots with the rear deck awash and all passengers on the forward deck trying to balance the boats movement.

The Auxiliary vessel came alongside the stricken vessel and eleven people, all the passengers, were pulled aboard to the forward deck of 275594. At this time the stricken vessel started to roll over on its side within 30 seconds after the last passenger was removed.

Auxiliary 594 moved away to clear the sinking vessel and the two remaining people, the master and his crewmember climbed the hull as it rolled. 275594 then approached again and nosing up to the overturned vessel pulled the two remaining survivors aboard.

Within a minute of the last survivor boarding Auxiliary 275594 the stricken vessel sank. The sunken vessels life raft deployed and broke the surface approximately one minute later. At this time the USCG Cutter Roanoke Island arrived on scene and its small boat was deployed and all the survivors were transferred from Auxiliary 275594 to the Roanoke Island.

All hands from the sunken vessel were transported safely back to Homer Alaska, shaken but unharmed by the experience. No members of the sunken vessel entered the water. The members of 275594 were Shane Taylor - coxswain, from Anchorage; Ray Miller - crew from Fairbanks; Richard Liebe - crew, from Anchorage; and Michael Cupit - crew, from Vancouver BC a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliarist attending the District 17 Coxswain Academy as an exchange student.

Stewart Sterling / District 17 DSO-CS





SARSCENE 2007

Canada's national search and rescue conference

October 17-20

Victoria, British Columbia

SARSCENE, now in its 16th year, is the only national search and rescue event in Canada. The British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program, in association with the British Columbia Search and Rescue Association, is co-hosting this year's conference with the National Search and Rescue Secretariat.

SARSCENE will take place at the Victoria Conference Centre across from Victoria's picturesque Inner Harbour.



Who attends

About 700 delegates are expected this year: provincial and territorial emergency programs responsible for search and rescue, volunteers, Canadian Forces, Canadian Coast Guard, police services (including the RCMP), Parks Canada, Transport Canada and Meteorological Service of Canada.

Specialists in search and rescue prevention, technology and training attend as delegates, speakers and exhibitors.

Conference activities

- Training courses
- Business meetings
- Games
- Presentations
- Short tutorials
- Exhibits
- Demonstrations
- Social events
- SAR Awards banquet



Victoria and Vancouver Island

Victoria has the mildest climate in Canada and is green all year. It is located on the west coast of Canada on Vancouver Island, situated on the southern tip near the mainland of British Columbia and Washington State. A mountainous spine runs the length of Vancouver Island, breaking into long mountain fjords on its west coast that cut deeply into the island. The west coast of the island is mostly uninhabited, except for a sprinkling of small communities and the world renowned Pacific



Photo: Tourism Victoria

SARSCENE Games

The SARSCENE Games showcase ground and inland water search and rescue in a friendly yet competitive environment.

The Games consist of six challenges that demand cooperation, knowledge and quick thinking by teams of four people. Qualified adjudicators score each event which are designed so that anyone with a basic level of SAR training can participate. Participants with more experience or advanced levels of training may earn higher scores and bonus points in some events.

Events may test such skills as:

- Navigation (compass and GPS)
- Interpretation of maps
- Common SAR knots
- Basic low angle rescue
- Visual search techniques
- First Aid & emergency
- Scene management
- Survival skills
- Search management
- Clues and evidence handling
- Judgment and ingenuity

Games awards will be presented at the opening 'Meet and Greet on Wednesday night, Oct. 17. Advance registration is appreciated, although there is no cost to enter a team.

Games will take place rain or shine. Contact Carole Smith by e-mail at csmith@nss.gc.ca or call 1-800-727-9414 or (613) 996-3727.



Travel and accommodation

Air Canada is offering a 10% discount for SARSCENE travel. Reservations must be made online at www.aircanada.com quoting promotion code U67HPXP1. See the SARSCENE website for links to the BC Ferries and Washington State Ferries, as well as a list of hotels offering special rates. Mention SARSCENE when you book a room.

All hotels are within walking distance of the Victoria Conference Centre. Check with the hotels on their policies regarding working dogs, early departure fees, parking, breakfast and other costs.

Presentations

Confirmed sessions include:

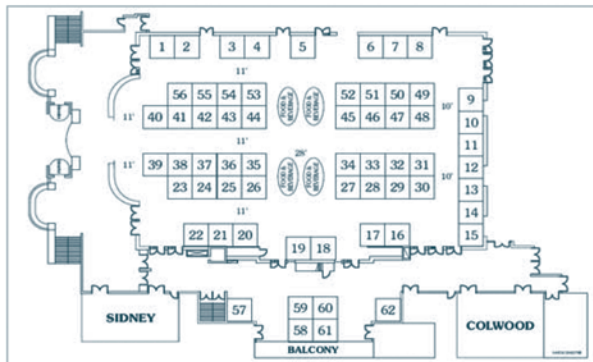
- SAR and 3rd party child abductions
- SAR volunteer credibility
- International best practices for avalanche accidents prevention
- Marine simulator project and training program
- U.S. Civil Aviation Patrol and SAR
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and SAR
- Operation Training
- Risk-taking behaviour: implications for SAR prevention
- Newfoundland and Labrador Training Program
- AdventureSmart - SAR Prevention
- Update on MEOSAR (Cospas-Sarsat)
- The making of a message: the Canadian Avalanche Centre's experience with media coverage
- The latest research in lost person behaviour
- Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- Locator technologies for wandering patients
- Using a canine log
- SAR Management System including volunteerism and crime investigation
- Police and volunteer panel discussion
- 'Prevention Café' on best practices in SAR prevention
- Tapping into Canadian Forces
- PLB pilot project
- SAR leadership
- SAR New Initiatives Fund - information session
- How technology and the Internet are changing avalanche safety training
- SAR pre-plans for long-term care facilities
- Bears, cougars and rattlesnakes
- CASARA/BC PEP - Air in BC
- Spotting and spotter training
- Canine standards
- Canadian Labour Code
- Underwater recovery
- SAR in the North
- Avalanche exposure terrain scale

SARSCENE Short Tutorials (NEW)

Time has been set aside for 20-minute (or less) tutorials on a specific aspect of SAR. Contact SARSCENE2007@nss.gc.ca with your idea or for further information.

Trade Show

SARSCENE is a unique opportunity for face-to-face interaction with the key people in search and rescue. The trade show is a popular part of the overall program and attracts delegates throughout the event. Coffee breaks and lunch on Friday will be held in the exhibit hall. Breaks are scheduled to give delegates time to visit the exhibits, including a 'no conflict' time at the end of the day on Thursday and Friday



Exhibits will be open to the public on Saturday morning, October 20, 2007. Contact Stephane Bachand at sbachand@nss.gc.ca or call 1-800-727-9414 or (613) 992-8215.

Go to
www.nss.gc.ca
for the most
up-to-date
information
and to register for
SARSCENE 2007.

Demonstrations Saturday, October 20

Search and rescue in action—an outdoor presentation of marine, air and ground scenarios played out for SARSCENE delegates and the public.



REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at www.nss.gc.ca. The deadline for advanced delegate and volunteer registration at a reduced rate is August 31.

Registration includes the opening 'Meet and Greet' (light dinner) on Wednesday, Oct. 17 and lunch with the exhibitors on Friday, Oct. 19. Social events and the closing banquet are not included.

Registration Fees

SAR volunteers	Until August 31	\$100
	From September 1	\$135
Regular delegates	Until August 31	\$300
	From September 1	\$135
Exhibit booths	Until July 31	\$1,150 (includes 2 registrations)
	From August 1	\$1,350 (includes 2 registrations)
Awards Banquet	Per person	\$35

Letters of Thanks

The real heroes of our communities

In today's fast-paced world, we sometimes forget that the communities we live in are built on the values and principles of sharing and kinship. We often fail to remember how volunteering in our society can make the slightest difference in someone's life.

I for one, had forgotten the importance of volunteerism until last week on Tuesday, May 15, when we met Roger Lalonde, a volunteer Coast Guard who helped my step-father and I get our sailboat free of the rocks and mud of the shallow waters near the Lancaster marina.

It was late at night and a storm was coming in, but Mr. Lalonde, a retired teacher, managed to drop all of his prior engagements to come and lend us a hand.

What's even more heroic is that within 24 hours of our first rescue, Mr. Lalonde risked his life a second time to

help us tow our sailboat to safety and out of danger from an unpredicted 35-knot windstorm in the St. Lawrence River.

I would like to thank Roger Lalonde and the rest of the Auxiliary 1230 Coast Guard team along with the Lavictoire family of Lancaster (Andre, Louise and Simon) for lending us a hand in a time of desperate measures. I shall never forget the generosity and kindness of these people. Their actions have motivated me to volunteer my own time in my community in order to pay it forward and help those in need.

I hope that the rest of society can follow suit and help carry forward a sense of community that bonds us together and that improves the social well-being of our societies.

Alex Maheu
Ottawa

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Charles McGeoghegan
CGA Vessel Boards N Glue
RR# 1,
Belfast, PEI COA 1 A0

Re: JRCC Halifax Case #H2007-00525, SAR GREY SHADOW

Mr. McGeoghegan,

I would like to thank you and the crew of the CGA Vessel Boards N Glue for the exemplary service you provided to the sinking vessel, Grey Shadow, on the evening of 02 May 2007.

At 10:27 pm, the Grey Shadow was reported broken down and taking on water off Pinette, PEI with two people on board. The vessel did not have a life raft or lifeboat, and the only communication was through cellular telephone. When called by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax, you gathered a crew and were able to get away

from the dock within minutes, despite the late hour. When arriving on scene, you were able to expeditiously pump out the Grey Shadow and tow the vessel to a safe port. Without your quick response and professional actions, this case may have resulted in the loss of a vessel, or worse the loss of life.

The actions of your crew exemplify the very best of the professionalism and dedication of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please accept my sincere thanks for the stellar response of the Boards N Glue to this incident. Were she a naval vessel, I would hoist the signal "BZ".

Yours truly,

P.D. McFadden
Rear-Admiral
Commander Halifax Search and Rescue Region

Answering the Call for Humanitarian Assistance;

CCG will help give the Gift of Life

— By Carol Bond

Canadian Coast Guard and its Auxiliary, have long been saving lives on the water. Now, thanks to an agreement with the Trillium Gift of Life Network, Central and Arctic Region personnel and Auxiliarists may play a role in saving lives on land, too.

Gift of Life is a not-for-profit government organization which oversees all organ and tissue donation activities for the Province of Ontario. Organ and tissue donation is a vital issue that affects all Canadians and is responsible for saving and giving quality of life to thousands of people each year. When it comes to organ donation and the patients waiting to receive them, every minute counts. Before an organ can be transplanted, time sensitive blood tests for HIV, Hepatitis, and West Nile virus need to be done.

In most cases blood samples from Hamilton area donors have to be analyzed in Toronto. Transportation is usually done via Ontario Provincial Police vehicles, and in peak traffic times, precious minutes and sometimes hours are lost. Helicopters have very limited availability. With these hurdles to overcome, transportation to Toronto via Lake Ontario is a viable option.

Last summer, the Gift of Life Network had six opportunities to use the services of marine units belong to Toronto, Peel and Hamilton Regional Police Services. Each time the blood was received at the Toronto lab in under an hour, saving 2-3 hours off the total donation process in each case.

“One high profile case required the use of the marine unit to transport the surgical recovery team and their organ to a waiting recipient that was critically ill. If we had not had the opportunity to travel by water the outcome for the recipient may not have been so wonderful,” explains Gift of Life Hamilton Coordinator Nancy Hemrica.

This year, CCG Central and Arctic Region and its Auxiliary, will participate in this humanitarian endeavor. If the need arises and Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) resources are available, they will be tasked by the Joint Rescue Coordi-



■ *From left to right: Danny Coultis, JRCC Trenton; Leon Buta, CCGA HBRU; Danny Pellerin, CCGA Director of District 2; Dave Northmore, CCG Sarnia; Dave Elliott, CCGA TOWARF; Gary Endicott, CCGA PARA; Mark Stafford, Peel Police Service; Nancy Hemrica - Trillium Gift of Life; Debbie Higgins, Toronto Fire Service; Butch Dompierre, CCGA Director of Operations; Sean Pearce, Toronto Fire Service; Adrian Lewicki, Toronto Fire Service Senior Marine Captain; Jim Demchuk, CCGA GAMRU and Gary Gibson, Toronto Police Service.*

nation Centre (JRCC) in Trenton. In the Hamilton area, the closest SAR units are Hamilton Beach Rescue 905 and 906 crewed by CCG Auxiliarists. CCGA units GAMRU in Grimsby and TOWARF in Oakville are also nearby. The Canadian Coast Guard Cutter Cape Storm in Port Weller could also be tasked if required.

“This is a wonderful precedent and I hope we can use this opportunity to help others,” noted CCG’s Danny Coultis, Supervisor of Marine Search and Rescue.

“When people think outside the box such as this, it can translate into something that improves and saves lives,” said CCGA regional Director of Operations Richard “Butch” Dompierre. “Thanks go to the people that had the foresight to try it in the first place. We as a Volunteer Search and Rescue organization are very pleased that we have been given the opportunity to participate.”

For more information on the Gift of Life network, please visit <http://www.giftoflife.on.ca> – ⚓

CCGA National Awards

The following awards were presented at the Annual General Meetings of CCGA Pacific, CCGA Central & Arctic and CCGA Quebec.

Certificates of Appreciation

John Findley (C&A), Ray Trahan Sr. (C&A), Ray Trahan Jr. (C&A), Chris Profota (C&A), Terry MacDonald (C&A), Dan Elliott (C&A), Sondi Ryersee (C&A), Terry MacDonald (C&A) and Mike Hillaby (C&A).

Administrative Excellence

Butch Dompierre (C&A) and Jim Foster (C&A).

Humanitarian Service Award

Glyniss Withyman (C&A), Nick Webb (C&A), Mark Visser (C&A) and Ray Sajgalik (C&A).

Leadership Medal

Les Reading (C&A), Fergus Reid (C&A) and Jim Lee (P).

Operational Merit Medal

Brad Levantis (C&A), Marty Burrows (C&A), Scot Logan (C&A), Steven Lightfoot (C&A), Philip Eagleson (C&A), Jean-Marie Houle (Q), Marie Claire-Trépanier (Q), Pierre Addy (Q), Vernon Théoret (Q), Jason McEvoy (Q), Roger Lalonde (Q), Louis Hébert (Q), Gaétan Létourneau (Q), Marcel Tremblay (Q) and François Xavier Bérubé-Dufour (Q).

Long Service Medal

Grant Moffatt (C&A), George Purvis (C&A), Enzo Alfano (C&A), William Cox (Q), Gaston Drolet (Q), Pierre-Paul Dupuis (Q), Jean-Louis Labrie (Q) and Raymond Smith (Q).

Exemplary Service Medal

Louis Arsenault (Q).



■ *Les Reading from C&A region was presented with the Leadership medal by François Vézina and Steve Daoust.*



■ *Louis Hébert and Gaétan Létourneau were presented with the Operational Merit medal by Ted Smith and Malcolm Dunderdale.*



■ *Jim Lee was awarded the Leadership medal by Malcolm Dunderdale, Bruce Falkins and the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.*