



Each year, the Canadian Ski Patrol System presents national lifesaving awards to any regular member who has saved the life of another person under any circumstances. In 2010, six such awards were granted.

Brian Chisamore, a contributing member of the National Education Team and a former operational paramedic, intervened at a traffic accident scene where a truck had just struck a 13-year-old girl. Run over by front and back dual wheels, her injuries were critical. When Brian arrived, she was unresponsive, not breathing, and had no discernable pulse due to trauma and blood loss.

Surrounded by hysterical spectators, including the girl's mother and neighbours, Brian took immediate control of the scene and used what he had readily available in his car to aid his critical interventions until emergency response crews arrived. Together, they packaged and delivered the girl to the Children's hospital within three minutes of the ambulance arriving on scene.

Attending medical personnel attested to the fact that without Brian's actions, interventions, and experience, this girl would have died in the first several minutes after the injuries occurred. Thanks to Brian Chisamore, she survived.

**Brian is a member of Gatineau Zone, Quebec Division.**

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Stan Krogh, a patron at Silver Star Mountain Resort decided to leave the hill one day last December to get something to eat. He wasn't feeling well. The staff at the Bull Dog Restaurant recognized this and notified the ski patrol. CSPS member Nate Davis responded, and seconds after his first assessment, the patient collapsed and became unresponsive with no pulse. Nate immediately called for additional support from the patrol and EMS, and began CPR.

Steve Oakes arrived quickly on scene along with several other patrollers, bringing oxygen, an AED and other required equipment. Together, they successfully converted the patient and transferred him to the ambulance when it arrived. At the time of transfer, Stan Krogh had good cardiac output, adequate respiration, and he was conscious enough to follow simple commands.

Here are a few excerpts from a published letter sent later from Stan and his wife Michele Krogh:

"I feel that it was through the dedicated efforts (of the rescue team) that I am now able to write this letter after suffering a heart attack"

"I've been told by my own doctors that I was very lucky to have received such rapid and professional medical attention... Thanks to those up at Silver Star for what they did."

**Nathan Davis and Steve Oakes are members of Intermountain Zone, Pacific South Division.**

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Amazingly enough, this lifesaving effort was performed by a few of the same team members from Silver Star on the same day.

In this case, the patrol was called to the scene of a CPR effort in progress at one of the Silver Star Condominiums where a 64 year-old male had collapsed. Jeremy Griffiths and Dan Hindle arrived on scene, quickly set up their equipment and took over the CPR efforts of the patient's daughter. Steve Oakes and Brad Atkins joined in several minutes later to assist in setting up an AED.

The team continued to work together, providing shocks and continuing with CPR until the patient was transferred to Vancouver General Hospital. After several surgeries, this patient was doing well and expected to make a full recovery.

**Jeremy Griffiths, Dan Hindle, Steve Oakes, Brad Atkins are members of Intermountain Zone,  
Pacific South Division**

The Tour de l'Île is one of Montreal's largest summer events, an annual outing where many thousands of cyclists pedal their way around the island.

Conrad Beauvais and Maryse Dubreuil were participating as first responder volunteers, when they were called to an accident scene where a cyclist had fallen. The patient was found to be unconscious and not breathing, with no pulse.

As a team, along with a young police officer on site, Beauvais and Dubreuil administered immediate CPR and connected an AED to the patient while providing crowd control until the EMTs arrived. After one shock, the patient was converted. EMTs acknowledged that the quick actions, teamwork and skill of these two patrollers made this possible. Their patient has since fully recovered.

**Conrad Beauvais and Maryse Dubreuil are members of Eastern Townships Zone, Quebec Division.**

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Jane Riske is the designated first responder at her place of work, the Centennial Senior Public School in Brampton, Ontario.

One day in October, she was called to the scene of an emergency at the school, where she found one of her colleagues, a 58 year-old male, lying in a pool of blood. His eyes were rolled back and he was unresponsive.

Ensuring he had an open airway and finding no respiration or pulse, she immediately started CPR. Emergency personnel from the local police, fire department, and EMS services arrived shortly after. Together, they attached an AED and administered three shocks, after which the patient regained a pulse.

It turns out that Jane's fellow worker had suffered a leg injury that created a blood clot that likely led to the cardiac episode. He has since made a full recovery thanks in no small part to Jane's quick thinking, experience and lifesaving skills.

**Jane Riske is a member of Central Zone, Ontario Division**

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Last May, during a humid Sporting Life 10K in downtown Toronto, a patrol bike team (part of the medical response team for the event) responded to a collapsed runner on course, arriving to find another runner already performing CPR. As EMS also arrived, one patroller took over compressions while the other re-directed 14,000 runners. The team worked efficiently, attaching an automated external defibrillator (AED) and continuing with CPR, then transferring the patient to the ambulance for transport to the nearest hospital.

As it turned out, Bev and Eric had been assigned to that section on course and EMS had been stationed at that busy intersection. The runner who started CPR was a physician who happened to be running beside the patient when he collapsed. Within seconds, he received immediate and effective care from a diverse team of strangers. What's more, that closest hospital was St Michael's Hospital where there is a PCI (percutaneous coronary intervention) lab. Without delay, he underwent emergency cardiac surgery.

The next day the team received a follow up email from Dr. Bruce Minnes (Hospital for Sick Kids and medical tent supervisor); "The Consultant Cardiologist at St. Mike's was quite laudatory in his comments about the first responder care and clear that he believed that this was a *big save*... You folks saved a life. Well done."

The patient is well today and expects to make a good recovery, thanks to the action of our patrollers and the emergency medical team that day.

**Eric Trumpour, Beverly Cameron-Quirk are members of Kawartha Zone, Ontario Division**