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PROVINCE RECOGNIZES EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS

VICTORIA – Five dedicated emergency volunteers were honoured at the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General’s annual emergency volunteer awards event on April 29, 2006.

Each year, emergency volunteers from across B.C. are nominated in one of five categories. This year, the following individuals and organizations were recognized for outstanding service:

- Swede Peterson, Prince George – Search and Rescue
- Fred Carey, Port Coquitlam – PEP Air
- Donna Grobell, Cranbrook – Emergency Social Services
- Paul Peters, Cobble Hill – Emergency Radio Communications
- Princeton and District Highway Extrication Society (Peter Hartinger, president) – Road Rescue

In addition, Wayne Merry of Atlin was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to Search and Rescue training and awareness.

This year’s award recipients represent the more than 13,000 registered emergency volunteers who respond to emergencies in communities across the province. Emergency volunteers not only provide critical support when disaster strikes, but train and exercise regularly to ensure they are prepared for every eventuality.

Emergency volunteers in B.C. help evacuate and care for citizens threatened by fires or floods, search for lost or injured hikers, establish radio communications, build sandbag dikes to save homes from floodwaters, and use jaws-of-life equipment to reach victims in vehicle accidents. Each time a volunteer uses their skills and knowledge, they demonstrate how essential their services are in helping communities respond to and recover from emergencies across the province.

For more information about volunteering and about this year’s award recipients, visit www.pep.bc.ca.

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