

Emergency Management Exemplary Service Awards 2017 Recipients

Jim Durnin

Mr. Durnin has been a member of Parks Canada's incident management teams since 1990 and has extensive experience managing wildfires in national parks and sites across Canada. Mr. Durnin has increased public understanding of wildfire risks and advised on proper measures to reduce the risk. He has also built and maintained fuel breaks to protect these areas in the event of a wildfire. Mr. Durnin worked closely with First Nations Communities to help develop fire management plans and wildfire risk reduction strategies on the Prince Albert National Park and First Nations Community lands.

Richard Kent

Mr. Kent has worked with the Prince Albert Grand Council for approximately 18 years. Mr. Kent has two divisions that support Saskatchewan's First Nations Communities; first is fire and safety to provide community training in all aspects of structural and wildland/urban firefighting. The second division is emergency preparedness and response, where he provides all aspects of emergency preparedness training to all of Saskatchewan's First Nations communities. Mr. Kent was seconded by the Federal Government to be a part of a project team to develop and implement a new Federal Office of the Indigenous Fire Marshal.

Robert Smith

Mr. Smith was one of the founding members of Search and Rescue Saskatchewan Association of Volunteers (SARSAV). He actively participated in multiple roles within SARSAV, including working on Search and Rescue New Initiatives Fund projects, assisting in prevention and outreach activities such as presenting AdventureSmart programming, and training new and existing teams across Saskatchewan. Mr. Smith developed a Memorandum of Understanding with Authorities Having Jurisdiction. He is vigilant in the safety, health and well-being of SARSAV responders and promotes others to join and continue with Search and Rescue across Saskatchewan.