



LIFESAVING SOCIETY MANITOBA 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



LIFESAVING SOCIETY
SOCIÉTÉ DE SAUVETAGE

The Lifeguarding Experts
Les experts en surveillance aquatique



Lifesaving Society

The Lifesaving Society builds leadership capacity in every community where Canadians young and old learn to make safe choices, gain valuable first aid and lifesaving skills and live active lifestyles. Society members, government and the public look to the Lifesaving Society to establish industry custom and practice to help make Manitoba the safest place to live, work and play.

OUR MANDATE:

- The Lifesaving Society has a public health and safety mandate for drowning and injury prevention and active living and fitness
- The Lifesaving Society provides valuable education and training ensuring Canadians have access to safe, fun and healthy living experiences.
- The Lifesaving Society is the standard setting certifying body for public aquatic safety and Canada's lifeguards.
- The Lifesaving Society is the sport organization for lifesaving, providing sport for life and long term athlete development opportunities.

The Lifesaving Society is a national charity working to prevent drowning and water-related injuries. Lifesaving training programs, Water Smart® public education, water incident research, safety management services and lifesaving sport are just some of the ways we save lives and prevent personal injury.

Board of Directors Chair - *Chris Love*

My Fellow Lifesavers,

As my term in office as Chair of the Board comes to close I find myself reflecting on the Society's past, and what the future may hold. After four years as Chair, and a total of fifteen and half years on the Board over various terms, I have witnessed the great advances our Society has made over the years. The Society's budget is now routinely in the range of half a million dollars every year compared to around \$80,000.00 per year in the mid-1990's. That great advance in funding means that we can now do more when it comes to reducing the toll of drowning and water-related injuries within Manitoba. Despite tight budgets in most recreation organizations in the province our membership has remained stable, as lifeguards and instructors are still needed. Our public education campaigns continue to reach large numbers of Manitobans and drowning rates have slowly been falling.

It is with great pleasure that I can report that during the 2013 fiscal year the Society met all of its obligations and posted a budget surplus, as detailed elsewhere in this report, that will be reinvested in our public education efforts. The Board has met all of its legal obligations throughout the year and continues to plan for the future. That future will mean change for the organization, as late in 2013 we learned that our office lease was likely to be terminated as the building we occupy was rumoured to be undergoing a top to bottom gutting and rebuild. Official confirmation of this loss of office space was received early in January, and will be reviewed at next year's AGM.

The Branch will continue to face other challenges and changes as well. We know that if we do not maintain our public education and training efforts that drowning rates can easily jump back up again. One warm summer can mean many more people in on and around the water and the more exposure the public has to bodies of water, the greater the chance for drownings to occur. Manitoba is now a growing province, and demographics are changing. We cannot continue to simply use what has worked in the past to stay on top of drownings, we must be prepared to adapt to new circumstances.

Last year I challenged each and every one of you to become more involved in drowning prevention efforts across the province. Today, I repeat that challenge to you again. I ask all of you to become more involved in the work of the Society in some way. Volunteer your time or expertise at such Society events as National Drowning Prevention Week or the Manitoba Lifeguard Championships; teach an additional course or two at your local pool, waterfront or recreation centre; make a donation to the Society so that we can reach more people with our Water Smart® public education efforts. Every small contribution pushes us closer to our goal of a drowning free Manitoba.

I extend my personal thanks to all of my fellow directors and to the hard-working staff in the Branch office. Without the support they have provided I know that my job would have been much harder. The hours they put in allow the Society to operate effectively and to continue to develop year after year.

In closing I ask you all to keep the Society's motto in your hearts and minds as you go about your daily business:

Quemcunque miserum videris hominem scias

"Whomsoever you see in distress recognise in them a fellow human being"

Yours in lifesaving.

Christopher Love
Chair, Board of Directors



2013 Board of Directors: Wendy Yates, Chris Love, J.P. Barnabé, Lloyd Pluschow, Carl Shier (CEO), Sarah Painter, Elizabeth Proskurnik, Michael Limerick



Chris Love, Their Honours Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee, & his wife Anita Lee, Carl Shier

Chief Executive Officer - *Carl Shier*

Can 13 be a lucky number? Well it just may be if we look back at 2013 and all the great achievements and accomplishments in the past 12 months.

In January Manitoba Aboriginal & Northern Affairs confirmed funding for our Winter Smart program. Now the task at hand was having the right individual deliver it. My phone rang with a familiar voice on the line. Drew Burstahler was calling, having returned to Winnipeg from South America. She was home early as her winter plans had changed. Was there work? Drew possessed 4 years experience as a Northern Program summer instructor and was well versed with all our programs, familiar with remote communities and travel. She readily took on this new task of teaching ice safety, cold survival, Sled Smart and the delivering first aid/CPR training. The project was up and running almost immediately. A good call; our Branch is better by one.

A few months later I discovered that only one instructor with previous northern experience would be returning this year. With a job posting and a few calls, I was able to hire 5 new summer staff members. In the 16 weeks that followed they delivered another stellar performance in every community they attended. While the total number of participants was down, much can be said that the "less than ideal" summer weather played a strong factor affecting turnouts at the waterfronts. Overall though, the Branch gained again. If you're keeping score, that's an add of 5 more.

Closer to home was the work being done to redesign and manage our website. While we have had more than competent external support for many years, I felt it time to bring it "in-house" where updates could be immediately posted and other changes could be implemented easily. Jon Sorokowski gets the full credit here for doing this work. He spent countless hours, often on his own time making it all happen. We are proud of the new look and feel the website provides.

Good decision again, now we're at seven.

With funds provided by MB Dept. of Healthy Living and Seniors thru the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters, it provided our Branch the opportunity to conduct a long term radio advertising campaign. I determined the seasonal themes appropriate for drowning prevention and public awareness messages, then wrote the 30 second ads to match. Each campaign would run six weeks on the Corus Radio network (CJOB 680 AM and Fresh 99.1FM). Without a doubt, I believe water safety messaging thru advertising places it in the public's mind. This radio format does it repeatedly and reaches a wide audience. Our messages also appeared on CTV during the morning, noon and evening prime time news. I also selected the First Nations Voice to advertise in October & December issues featuring timely PFD wear and Sled Smart themes. Each issue is distributed to 100,000 readers. I'll count these initiatives as elevating the branch by another three.

In September I had the pleasure of travelling to St. Malo Provincial Park to see first hand the quality of the PFD Loaner stations kiosks. What I saw was two outstanding cedar structures that will serve park goers for many years to come. Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship can be proud of what their staff designed and built. I am proud to have had a hand in it obtaining the lifejackets from the Public Health Agency Canada through the *Open Water Wisdom* project, which wrapped up last year. And St. Malo wasn't the only park area to receive lifejackets. Six other parks were recipients of a plentiful supply of PFD's and they're building PFD Loaner kiosks as well. Score us another victory.

In November I hired our newest staff member. Sarah Dyck comes to us with experience gained from her time at the South Winnipeg YM-YWCA. She was also a member of the 2012 Provincial Lifeguard Championship winning team! She's took on the Winter Smart instructor role when Drew departed here for a training course opportunity she had waited years to enter. Sarah started in November, when the weather was cold and nasty. Some of her planned trips got cancelled, or shall I say rescheduled, but in the months that followed she has flown as far north as Lac Brochet and York Landing and driven to Skownan to fulfill our Winter Smart programming commitments to these communities.

The annual review conducted on the drowning occurrences in the past year indicates a far better outcome. In our monitoring of these events, 2013 may be recorded as one of the lowest years over the past two decades. While it will be months before the Chief Medical Examiner's final report, I am confident that our collective effort of programs, training and awareness and education campaigns have contributed to that overall reduction. And wouldn't you know it that is thirteen good things to be considered as Branch accomplishment in 2013.



National Drowning Prevention Week Proclamation by Minister Jim Roudeau (centre) at Leg.

Program Coordinator - *Kathy Plett*

2013 saw the completion of the revision to Leadership Training. I am excited about the direction that these revisions have taken. We have researched the best practices for training our Instructors, Examiners, Instructor Trainers and Branch Trainers. The new program is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of instructor candidates and to give Instructors the information that they need to meet the ever-changing needs of their candidates. These revisions ensure that Manitobans will continue to receive the high quality training that they expect and deserve when taking any of our training programs. Instructor Trainers should expect to receive training this fall with the launch of our revised training system occurring later in 2015.



National Lifeguard Instructor candidates practicing their skills

2014 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the National Lifeguard award in Canada. Backed by research, National Lifeguard has been and continues to be the standard that lifeguards across Canada are held to ensuring the safety of the public in their care.

Did you know most people who drown never intended to be in the water and that most rescues are performed in setting where there are no lifeguards? These rescues are mainly

performed by family members or by friends who usually do not have any lifesaving or first aid training.

Most people who take swimming lessons never intend to become lifeguards. What are you doing to ensure that they have the opportunity to learn the valuable skills to ensure the safety of themselves and their loved ones when in, on or around the water? Do you only offer programming for those candidates who want to continue to work at the pool? Or, do you offer creative and flexible programming for the entire family? Have you considered running a Star Patrol or Bronze Star class for adults only? How about adult lifesaving programming during those early bird swim times at your pool? Do you offer Swim Patrol and Bronze Star at your facility for those candidates 9 to 12 years of age? The skills that they will receive in these levels will allow them to make Water Smart® choices when in, on or around the water with their family and friends and will ensure they have some skills to respond if an emergency happens. What are you doing to ensure your customers get the lifesaving education they really need?



Water Smart® Coordinator – *Sarah Dyck*

From January to September of this year, Jon Sorokowski was the Water Smart® Coordinator. The first 3 months saw Jon working hard, redesigning resources to look more up to date and enhancing the Lifesaving Society's social media profiles for a more efficient and clear delivery of our public education programs, goals, missions, and events. In particular, the English as an Additional Language program saw some major enhancements, which increases the success of the delivery of our water safety messages to our many new Canadians.



National Drowning Prevention Day - July 27, 2013

July 20-27 Drowning Prevention Week. Jon and the Beach

During the summer Jon managed the Northern Water Smart® program. He was featured on CTV Morning Live to talk about the importance of wearing a lifejacket. Jon was also interviewed by The Winnipeg Free Press about the importance of water safety which is viewable online. In the month of July, Healthy Living Minister Jim Rondeau proclaimed

Safety Officers at Grand Beach had several activities for public education. A Swim to Survive™ Challenge was offered to all of our facilities. The PCU Center in Portage La Prairie won the challenge and received a set of PFDs. In the fall, Jon left the position to start his career as a teacher, but he remains a valuable, key volunteer for the Lifesaving Society.

We welcomed Sarah as Water Smart® Coordinator in November. She spent her first month familiarizing herself with the Water & Winter Smart® Coordinator responsibilities including reviewing a variety of PowerPoint presentations, our video library, lesson plans and learning the complexities of our member management data system.

In December Sarah developed a Sled Smart presentation in French. Throughout November and December Sarah made contact with the various communities who were interested in conducting Winter Smart programs in their communities. Dates in early 2014 were booked to deliver the Winter Smart presentation and provide our first aid training.



The Northern Water Smart® Program - Jon Sorokowski

What is there that already hasn't been said about this "award winning" life saving program. Now in its ninth year of operation, it has brought us and the participants from all the communities we've served some hope that drowning and water-related injury occurrences are declining. An independent study is being conducted on these statistics for the five year period 2006 thru 2010. I'm certain it will prove all our efforts are having a very positive impact on those incidents.

The Northern program's strongest attribute is the personal face-to-face training our instructors provide. It's done with the children in the water with "hands on" teaching techniques as they learn the Swim to Survive™ skills. It is also conducted every evening when our instructors teach those who come to our first aid/cpr classes or take the BOAT course to obtain their Pleasure Craft Operator (PCO) competency card.

This programs has long realized that posters, handouts, promotional material or radio ads can only go so far when it comes to reminding people of the dangers to be faced around water. This program does what few others can. That is it involve participants to acquire a life-long skill. And learn they do! As you can see by the participant numbers, it was another great year. Now if the weather had been slightly more cooperative, the Swim to Survive™ numbers could have doubled. Yes the summer of 2013 started with a little heat, but faded until mid-August. For nearly 4 weeks, cool weather and less that ideal conditions existed at many of the water-fronts our instructors and youthful candidates endured. Fortunately, First Aid and Boat courses are conducted inside. Providing these extra courses, no matter the weather is very

The Winter Smart® Program - Drew Burstahler

The opportunity to provide our programs and services to the many northern communities that are asking for us year-round is both unique and challenging. While travel to often remote locations has its hiccups in the summer, doing it during the unpredictable weather of winter can give you indigestion.

Flights can be delayed or cancelled, road travel dangerous or impossible and the temperatures will likely be frigid. So why do we attempt to do this? For the very reasons just quoted. People in these communities live with this daily for 5 months each year. Cold survival is a must have knowledge for them.

Snowmobiling, travelling on winter roads across frozen lakes and rivers or generally getting around in their community, residents of northern Manitoba face challenges few of us could match. Acquiring knowledge about hypothermia, cold survival and knowing what is meant by being a Sled Smart® rider can be the difference between life and death in these regions.



There was also the ever-present demand for our First Aid and CPR courses. The people in these communities are

cost effective. So what is in store in the coming years? It would appear that both the **Manitoba Department of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs** along with **Health Canada (First Nations & Inuit Health)** are both looking to provide their financial support once again for the program in the coming year. The Lifesaving Society could not undertake this huge initiative without their support. So thanks goes as well to these two levels of government (provincial and federal) and the department Ministers and their staff members who give us guidance and encouragement to continue this work.

Lastly I wish to recognize our six Northern Instructors. These individuals, as seen in their photos on the opposite page are responsible for delivering that program. No matter how much we prepare for it in advance, it's the six instructors dedication that makes all the difference and is the key to success. They begin by acquainting themselves (over the phone and thru e-mails) with their community contact person. Then they plan their diverse travel schedules for the ten weeks in the field. They spend several more weeks learning the material and acquiring teaching methods they can use in the classroom or water. Once in the community they must gain the trust of their course candidates. They are often initial strangers in those communities. At the conclusion, they turn in their test sheets, the weekly activity reports and final expenses.

Yes, it takes great teamwork to make each year a success.

anxious to obtain the certification and training our courses provide.

While Drew left the Society at the end of August to attend college in Ontario, Sarah Dyck later acquired the position and we extended the one year project to 15 months. She travelled to three more communities (Lac Brochet, York Landing and Skownan) in early 2014 to fulfil our year-long Winter Smart® obligations.

Communities Visited in 2013	
Berens River	Nelson House
Cranberry Portage (2)	Opaskwayak /The Pas
Easterville / Chemawawin	Pine Creek
Fox Lake	Sandy Bay
Lac Brochet	Snow Lake
Little Saskatchewan	S. Beach / Brokenhead (Interlake Conference)
Lynn Lake	Wabowden
Moose Lake	War Lake



2013 Northern Water Smart® Program Instructors (May 13 - Aug. 31)



Jolene Janzen



Rachel Klassen



Brooklyn Leverick



Alexandra Lyner



Weston Walker



Kassandra Webster



Communities Visited in 2013			
Community	Participants	Community	Participants
Berens River	17	Nelson House	21
Bissett	35	Norway House	111
Bloodvein	5	Opaskwayak	13
Brokenhead	23	Oxford House	36
Buffalo Point	23	Pauingassi	18
Camperville	13	Pelican Rapids	58
Cormorant	54	Pine Creek	9
Cranberry Portage	21	Poplar River	28
Cross Lake	46	Sagkeeng	91
Duck Bay	19	Seymourville	12
Ebb & Flow	40	South Indian Lake	50
Fox Lake	23	St. Theresa Point	45
Gamblers	27	Thicket Portage	27
Garden Hill	75	Wabowden	31
God's Lake Narrows	80	War Lake	11
Little Saskatchewan	44	Wasagamack	21
Lynn Lake	13	Whitemouth	59
Moose Lake	30	York Landing	30
Total Participants:		1259	

2013 Rescue Awards Ceremony - held February 6th, 2014

Each year the Lifesaving Society honours those who have risked their own life to save another. The Rescue Awards ceremony is an opportunity for our branch to commend our fellow Manitobans for their quick thinking and selfless response in a water related incident. This year we were very pleased to once again have this ceremony hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba the The Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M., Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and Her Honour Mrs. Anita Lee at Government House. We recognized the following individuals with the 2013 Rescue Commendation Award.

The Rescue Commendation Award

recognizes an outstanding rescue by individuals who have not received formal training through the Lifesaving Society.

This years recipients are: *Alejandro Vasquez-Ahmo, Gordon Horace Beardy, Aaron Benarroch, Ari Benarroch, RCMP Cst. James Bjorklund, Jason Dupre, Lorraine Gadoury, Nancy Hargreaves (Susan Finlay), Chief Warrant Officer P.M. Hort, Noel Labelle, Tyler Letain, Ray Michael McKay, Darryl Muir, Andrew Neufeld, Elaine Muswagon, Thomas Muswagon, Guy J. Pinette, James Rath (Daryl Vandenbosch), Jesse Reitberger, Fiona Rettie, Derrick Reykdal, Harrison Scott Smith, Tracy Taylor, RCMP Cst. Nicolas Yaxley*



Ray McKay, Gordon Beardy, Elaine Muswagon, Thomas Muswagon



Ari Benarroch, Aaron Benarroch, Harrison Scott Smith



Jesse Reitberger, Fiona Rettie, Tracy Taylor



Gisele Smith, Jason Bilinsky, Mitchell MacRae, Kilmeny Melnick

The M.G. Griffiths Award recognizes Lifesaving Society Trained individuals, who although not on duty applied their skills and knowledge in attempting, conducting or saving a life in a water-related rescue. This years recipients are: *Shane Marmel, RCMP Cst. Fraser Potts, Brad Richardson*



Andrew Neufeld, Lorraine Gadoury, Brad Richardson, Derrick Reykdal



Chief Warrant Officer Hort, Susan Finlay, Darryl Muir

ALERT - Lifeguard Recognition is presented to National Lifeguard certified lifeguards and to aquatic staff with Lifesaving Society certifications who while working at their facility show exemplary qualities in the performance of their duties. This years recipients are: *Jason Bilinsky, Mitchell MacRae, Katya Melnick (Gisele Smith), Kilmeny Melnick*

The Rescue Awards were presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba the **Honourable Philip S. Lee, C.M., O.M.** along with the Lifesaving Society Manitoba Chair Mr. Chris Love



RCMP Constable Fraser Potts



Daryl Vandenbosch, RCMP Csts Nicolas Yaxley & James Bjorklund, Tyler Letain, Alejandro Vasquez-Ahmo, Jason Dupre, Guy J. Pinette, Noel Labelle

Whom So Ever You See In Distress - Recognize In Them A Fellow Man

2013 Volunteer Recognition Awards presented at Government House

The Lifesaving Society is fortunate to have many volunteers who contribute their time, energy and expertise to the fulfillment of the Society's mission. The many hours our volunteers contribute do not go unnoticed. Annually the Society is honoured to recognize these outstanding individuals for their contributions in assisting with the promotion of water safety in Manitoba.

Certificate of Thanks is presented to individuals, clubs, organizations or businesses, who have made a significant contribution to the Society over the year.

Service Commendation honours those volunteers who have made a significant contribution over 2 years.

Service Medal honours volunteers who have performed noteworthy service for four or more years. This years recipients are: *Reneé Barnabé & Gareth Yates*

Bar to Service Medal honours volunteers, who have performed another four years of noteworthy service since receiving their Service Medal. This years recipients are: *Sarah Painter & Elizabeth Proskurnik*

Service Cross honours volunteers who have performed 12 or more years of meritorious service. This years recipient is: *Kevin Tordiffe*

Bar to Service Cross honours volunteers, who have performed another four years of noteworthy service after receiving their Service Cross.

Honourary Commonwealth Life Member is reserved for individuals who have performed outstanding and meritorious service to the society for more than 25 years. This award can only be conferred by the Commonwealth Council upon the recommendation of the national council.



Gareth Yates



Kevin Tordiffe



Reneé Barnabé



Balance Sheet (and comparison) December 31, 2013

ASSETS		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Current		
Cash	\$223,271	\$155,177
Short term deposits	\$81,747	\$81,280
Accounts receivable	\$30,360	\$22,835
Inventory	<u>\$16,306</u>	<u>\$9,577</u>
	\$351,684	\$268,869
Capital assets	<u>\$5,255</u>	<u>\$7,187</u>
	<u>\$356,939</u>	<u>\$276,056</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$17,411	\$17,593
Government remittances payable	\$4,186	\$4,019
Unearned grants & assistance	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>
	<u>\$61,597</u>	<u>\$81,612</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net assets invested in capital assets	\$5,255	\$7,188
Unrestricted net assets	\$290,087	<u>\$187,256</u>
Net assets	\$295,342	<u>\$194,444</u>
	<u>\$356,939</u>	<u>\$276,056</u>

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- Health Canada
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- Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters
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- Our business and individual donors who so generously support the Society's vision & mission.

The Lifesaving Society — Manitoba is a registered non-profit organization whose existence depends on the generous donations of the public. Every contribution is important to us and tax deductible receipts will be issued upon receiving a donation. Registered Charity No. 119129047 RR0001

Statement of Operations for the year ending December 31, 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenue		
Test fees & merchandise sales	\$268,702	\$267,931
Less cost of goods sold	<u>(\$60,391)</u>	<u>(\$69,243)</u>
	\$208,311	\$198,688
Fundraising	\$16,517	\$15,169
Grants & assistance	<u>\$326,160</u>	<u>\$234,618</u>
	<u>\$550,988</u>	<u>\$448,475</u>
Operating Expenditures		
Advertising & promotion	\$28,855	\$18,464
Amortization	\$1,932	\$2,681
Audit fees	\$3,028	\$2,949
Fundraising	\$363	\$7,476
Insurance	\$1,721	\$1,464
Meetings	\$5,342	\$19,465
Office supplies	\$18,563	\$21,346
Postage	\$4,608	\$4,766
Program development	\$179,857	\$159,686
Rent	\$37,791	\$38,159
Repairs & maintenance	\$6,974	\$1,645
Telephone	\$3,724	\$2,618
Wages & benefits	<u>\$157,332</u>	<u>\$149,056</u>
	<u>\$450,090</u>	<u>\$429,775</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$100,898	\$18,700
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>\$194,444</u>	<u>\$175,744</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$295,342</u>	<u>\$194,444</u>

*This Financial Report was prepared by:
S. H. J. Bernacki C.A.*

Branch Awards and Certifications

First Aid		Water Rescue Award cont'd		Leadership Awards cont'd	
Lifesaving AED	7	Bronze Cross & C CPR Recertification	25	Instructor Trainer - Lifesaving & First Aid	2
Aquatic Emergency Care & CPR C	147	Distinction	7	Instructor Trainer - Lifesaving & First Aid Reappointment	2
Aquatic Emergency Care & CPR C Recertification	57	Lifesaving Fitness - Bronze	2	Lifesaving Instructor	175
Lifesaving CPR Level C	572	Lifesaving Fitness - Silver	1	Lifesaving Instructor Recertification	243
Lifesaving CPR-C Recertification	24	National Lifeguard - Pool	377	Lifesaving Instructor Advanced	169
Lifesaving CPR - D	1	National Lifeguard - Pool Recertification	519	Swim for Life Instructor	236
Lifesaving CPR-HCP	55	National Lifeguard - Waterfront	28	Swim for Life Instructor Recert	182
Lifesaving CPR-HCP Recertification	32	National Lifeguard - Waterfront Recertification	31	Swim for Life Instructor Trainer	2
Lifesaving Emergency First Aid & CPR A	1129	Water Rescue Award Total: 3332		Swim for Life Instructor Trainer Recert	1
Lifesaving Emergency First Aid & CPR A Recert	11	Leadership Awards		National Lifeguard Instructor	10
Lifesaving Standard First Aid & CPR C	578	Aquatic Emergency Care Instructor	9	National Lifeguard Instructor Recertification	3
Lifesaving Standard First Aid & CPR C Recert	254	AEC Instructor Recertification	5	National Lifeguard Instructor Trainer	2
Lifesaving Oxygen Administration	8	Lifesaving CPR Instructor	5	Examiner - Bronze Cross	174
First Aid Total: 2875		CPR - HCP Instructor	9	Examiner Bronze Cross Reappointment	240
Water Rescue Award		Lifesaving First Aid Instructor	183	Examiner - Distinction	171
Boat Operator Accredited Training	394	Lifesaving First Aid Instructor Recertification	246	Examiner - Distinction Reappointment	239
Canadian Swim Patrol - Rookie	75	Lifesaving First Aid Instructor Trainer	3	Examiner - National Lifeguard	9
Canadian Swim Patrol - Ranger	70	AEC Instructor Trainer	2	Examiner National Lifeguard Reappointment	4
Canadian Swim Patrol - Star	75	B.O.A.T. - Instructor/Examiner	8	Examiner National Lifeguard Waterfront Reappointment	1
Bronze Star & CPR A	195	B.O.A.T. - Instructor/Examiner Recertification	24	Leadership Award Total: 2355	
Bronze Medallion & CPR A	830	Boat Instructor Trainer Reappointment	4		
Bronze Cross & CPR C	703	Boat Rescue for 1st Responders Instructor Recert	1		



St. Malo Provincial Park Lifejacket Loan Kiosk

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