

Max Keeping named Honourary Commissionaire

Recognized for his support veterans, commissionaires and the RUN FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

September 30, 2010 - *Commissionaires Ottawa* today named Max Keeping an “Honourary Commissionaire” for his ongoing support of veterans, commissionaires and the annual RUN FOR MILITARY FAMILIES. The humanitarian and community leader served as the Guest of Honour at the private security company’s Annual Awards Ceremony. Near the ceremony’s conclusion, Mr. Keeping was called back up to the stage and presented with the honorary distinction.

Captain (N) Paul Guindon (Ret’d), Chief Executive Officer of *Commissionaires Ottawa*, said, “In many ways, Max reminds me of the very kind of person we look for in a commissionaire. He is service-driven, experienced, and passionate about protecting Canada’s freedom and peaceful way of life – and he truly values the sacrifices that have been made by so many families to keep it that way.”

“Max has been a good friend to commissionaires, and now we are very happy to officially welcome him into the Commissionaires family,” announced the CEO, before presenting Max with an honorary plaque.

During the Annual Awards Ceremony, more than 80 women and men, many of whom are military and RCMP veterans, were honoured for dedicating 12, 17, 25 or 30 years of loyal service as commissionaires. In addition, eight individuals were presented with Commissionaires Distinguished Service Medals for contributions of significance above and beyond the faithful performance of duty (i.e. prestigious awards approved by the National Board), while three others were recognized with CEO Commendations for special projects or achievements, (i.e. honours presented as part of the company’s internal recognition program). Another was distinguished for winning the Association of Professional Security Agencies (APSA) Guard of the Year Award.

CEO Paul Guindon had high praise for all award recipients: “We believe that the best way to protect clients and their hard-earned assets is to support them with a stable, familiar and experienced team of private security professionals – people of character, like the women and men being honoured today. Year after year, their dedication, trust, loyalty and honesty strengthen our company’s ability to maintain, by far, the highest employee retention rate in the industry.”

The Annual Awards Ceremony has been a longstanding tradition of *Commissionaires Ottawa*. Over the past five years alone, about 500 commissionaires have been honoured for dedicating a decade or longer of service.

Commissionaires Ottawa has been recognized as a Market Leader and the largest private company in Ottawa. Today, it employs more than 3,800 commissionaires at about 500 client sites in the National Capital Region, the Ottawa Valley, throughout Northern Ontario and in Northwestern Quebec. The company offers a comprehensive range of identification, enforcement, training and security solutions. *Commissionaires Ottawa* has remained true to its roots by providing employment to those making the transition to civilian life after active service in the military and police forces. It also hires qualified security-focused citizens of all ages and from all walks of life who share a passion to safeguard their fellow Canadians.

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