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Commissionaire posted at Department of Justice Canada distinguished from 30,000 private security guards across Ontario

Fern Landry wins prestigious APSA Guard of the Year Award

OTTAWA – Commissionaire Fern Landry has been announced as the recipient of the APSA Guard of the Year Award. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding performance in the security profession and is given out annually by the Association of Professional Security Agencies (APSA), whose 18 member companies represent over 30,000 private security guards across Ontario.

Cmre Landry has been the Administrative Clerk for the Department of Justice Canada since 2003, when the Civil Litigation Branch moved from Justice Headquarters to an independent location. The very specific job requirements for this one-man post seemed an ideal fit for Cmre Landry, who had served for over 30 years with the Canadian Forces as a Finance Clerk with progressively increasing responsibilities throughout Canada and Europe. During his military career, he was awarded the Canadian Decoration for Meritorious Service to Canada, two United Nations medals for peacekeeping tours in Cyprus and Egypt, a Special Service Medal, and the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal.

Paul Guindon, CEO, *Commissionaires Ottawa*, says, “Cmre Landry is dedicated to ensuring the Civil Litigation Branch of the Department of Justice Canada is provided with the very best possible support. He has shown superior professionalism, strong devotion to duty and exceptional initiative for the past 14 years, reflecting great credit upon himself, our company, our client and the private security industry. Cmre Landry’s stellar performance in this demanding position has clearly set the highest possible standard for security guards.”

Cmre Landry ensures that all members of the client’s department are his number one priority, working with the firm belief that “customer satisfaction equals success.” From volunteering on the client’s social committee to actively training and preparing procedures for any person filling in for him, Cmre Landry consistently goes above and beyond his job description. He has also mentored other commissionaires who report to other sections in the building.

When not working, Cmre Landry takes the same initiative and determination for a job well done to participate in community events and to provide leadership in a variety of roles, including member of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 632) Poppy Fund Trust since 2004; committee member for the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour for the past two years; participant in the MS Bike Tour for 13 years, raising \$89,000.00; top fundraiser for MS in 2008 and 2010; fundraiser for United Way-Centraide since 2008; and, active member of his church as the team leader and administrator of church funds and deposits.

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Dawn Wright, Manager, Administrative Services, Litigation Branch, Department of Justice Canada, says, "My first impression of Fern was correct. Fern is indeed a team player who not only performs his job responsibilities, but goes over and above his responsibilities to ensure our Branch is the best place to work. In an environment of ever changing people, it is wonderful to have someone as dedicated, energetic, enthusiastic and knowledgeable as Fern to support our Branch."

In addition to an engraved plaque that was presented at APSA's general meeting in Vaughan (Toronto) on June 8, 2011, Cmre Landry will receive a \$2,000.00 cash award and special recognition at *Commissionaires Ottawa's* Annual Awards Ceremony in September 2011.

This is the second year in a row that an employee of *Commissionaires Ottawa* has won this prestigious award. *Commissionaires Ottawa* has been publicly acknowledged as a Market Leader and is currently listed as the largest private employer in Ottawa. Its service territory includes the National Capital Region, the Ottawa Valley, Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec. Today, more than 3,700 commissionaires provide a comprehensive range of identification, enforcement, training and security solutions at about 500 private and public sector sites – including high-tech, industrial and commercial office facilities; international and local airports; government, embassy and public buildings; hospitals, schools and shopping centres; law enforcement agencies; and military compounds. As part of its social mandate, *Commissionaires Ottawa* has been focused on hiring former and serving military personnel since 1939. It also hires RCMP veterans and other security-focused citizens who share a passion to safeguard their fellow Canadians.

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