
Certificate of Commendation

Last known address:

Ms. Karyn Lippincott and Mr. Brian Otter

Richmond BC V7E 3R3

Summary of Actions

On May 25, 2000, Mr. Otter and Ms. Lippincott were driving eastbound on Dyke Road in Richmond, when they noticed two cars racing on # 3 road. One of the vehicles flew over the embankment and fell partially into the river.

Mr. Otter pulled over and he and Ms. Lippincott rushed to assist the occupants of the vehicle in the river. The engine of the vehicle was now on fire and the two occupants were having difficulty getting out. Mr. Otter climbed down the slippery rocks, waded through knee-deep water and pulled the driver out of the driver-side window. Ms. Lippincott then climbed down the embankment and assisted Mr. Otter with the driver. They then assisted the injured passenger up the embankment while the driver climbed it on his own.



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In 1993, the Governor General approved the creation of a Certificate of Commendation to be issued to those who have made a significant contribution by providing assistance to another person in a selfless manner.

The Certificate of Commendation is signed by the Governor General and is intended for eligible candidates whose actions are deemed notable by the Canadian Decorations Advisory Committee. The Commendation is not automatic; eligible candidates are selected through a voting process.

Certificat de Mention d'honneur

Le Gouverneur général a approuvé, en 1993, la création d'une mention d'honneur qui sera décernée à ceux et à celles qui ont porté un geste admirable et désintéressé en faveur d'autrui.

La mention d'honneur est signée par le Gouverneur général et destinée aux candidats admissibles dont les gestes sont jugés dignes par le Conseil des décorations canadiennes. La mention n'est pas accordée automatiquement à tous les candidats -- elle fait l'objet d'un vote.