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Thank you to our Supporters!

This time of year it is important to share our progress, activities that we were asked to participate in during the season, emergency and fire response activities, our volunteer base, our partners and your ongoing support.

This year the Pointe au Baril Emergency Response Team's volunteer base and supporters witnessed several significant changes. Without our dedicated volunteers and continuing donations from our supporters this "Not for Profit" Volunteer organization would not continue to see the success and growth experienced every single year.

As with any organization, as it grows so does its mandate, Pointe au Baril Emergency Response Team being no exception... Our original name was the "Pointe au Baril Fire Brigade," responding to fire calls only. Volunteers prepared for emergency fire calls by participating in regularly scheduled training that includes the operation of the fire equipment, including the boat, participating in planned mock fires and reinforcing the importance of personal fire protection. It soon became evident that our community needed 7/24 hour fire and medical support. The Board of Directors recognizing this, initiated First Response medical training for the volunteers, equipped the Fire Boat with medical supplies, brainstormed to find a suitable name to better reflect the support followed by a unanimous vote to change the name to the 'Pointe au Baril Emergency Response Team (PABERT). In April of this year, the name was officially changed.

This year we saw the creation and launch of our official Web Site., the layout and design commitment was donated by Mr. Ed Garner. The site was developed by email communication only. Perseverance, and hundreds of emails over a 3/4 month period has given PABERT a larger than large presence on the Internet highway. Please bookmark our site for your future reference. www.pabert.org
Thank You Ed!

We can honestly say that this year in comparison to last year, the number of fire calls that were responded to was very small. Medical calls that we were dispatched to both on the mainland and island communities far exceeded any of our expectations. This season less than 10 medical calls were responded to and one major fire in November. Our ongoing training and partnering with West Parry Sound Health Services (WPSHS) has given our team the confidence needed to attend to every call. Along with the increase in medical support this season, our fleet also expanded. The Town of Parry Sound donated a decommissioned Ambulance. This October the official ambulance handover took place at the Pointe au Baril Community Centre, attended by dignitaries from the Town of Parry Sound, community guests as well as our full volunteer base. The full story and pictures can be found on our web site at www.pabert.org. In addition to receiving the ambulance, the WPSHS is in the planning process of constructing an ambulance /paramedic station for their ambulance and the paramedics who now share the Pointe au Baril nursing station. There is an open proposal that could allow the Pointe au Baril Emergency Response Team's ambulance to be parked in the new building, as well as allowing the volunteers to have access to their training room to continually update and reinforce their training, knowledge and experiences. We appreciate the strong partnership that we have with WPSHS and look forward to strengthening this relationship and their ongoing support.

On occasion we are invited to participate in activities taking place during the summer season. This year we had the honour of being asked to escort the Smart Risk www.smartrisk.ca organizers & speakers to the Ojibway Club, lead the 4th of July boat Parade, participate in the 100th Anniversary for CC Kennedy Home Hardware, present to the Skerryvore Rate Payers Association as well as providing a high level overview to the Marine Patrol Staff on

our activities, and how their assistance could be used during any emergency. All of these activities take place over and above the regularly scheduled fire and medical training, meetings with our supporters, and monthly board meetings, as well as working full time. Our volunteers are unstoppable!

Lastly, our volunteers are both permanent and seasonal residents, these individuals along with our supporters are the Corner Stone of our organization, without them our success would not be your success. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please log onto our website for details, you will be contacted shortly thereafter. Donations are gratefully accepted and tax receipts issued for all donations. In the past at least one or two fund raising events are planned during the year. This year our fundraising efforts were limited to PABERT t-shirt and hat sales, with great success. Our intention is to make these items available via our website in the near future.

Please attach to your donation

Pointe au Baril Emergency Response Team Donation Form

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