



## Media Release

### First Responders Day – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Haliburton County** – In Ontario, May 1 is recognized as First Responders Day. The day honours the work of individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service and whose life-saving skills often make the difference between life and death.

#### **You're Invited: Haliburton County Community Open House**

This year on First Responders Day, members of Haliburton County paramedic services, municipal fire departments and the Haliburton Highlands OPP have collectively come together to invite the public to a Haliburton County Community Open House to learn more about the critical role both professional and volunteer emergency responders have in keeping our communities safe.

Residents of all ages are invited to visit bases, halls and stations throughout Haliburton County on May 1 from 4 – 6 p.m. for a variety of activities. Members of the public will be able to meet emergency personnel, learn more about programs and services offered, hear about volunteer and career opportunities, understand how to prepare for emergencies, and get an up-close look at emergency equipment and vehicles. (Activities vary at each location).

#### **Locations:**

**Algonquin Highlands** (EMS, Fire)  
Stanhope Firefighters Hall  
1123 North Shore Road

**Highlands East** (EMS, Fire)  
EMS Base, 18721, Hwy 118, Tory Hill  
Fire Stations, Cardiff, Highland Grove,  
Gooderham, Wilberforce, Paudash

**Dysart et al** (EMS, Fire, OPP)  
Dysart Fire Dept & EMS Base  
South Street (behind the arena)

**Minden Hills** (EMS, Fire, OPP)  
EMS Base, 12410, Hwy 35  
Minden Hills Fire Dept, 12418, Hwy 35  
Haliburton Highlands OPP, 12598, Hwy  
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## Quotes:

“On behalf of County Council, I offer our sincere appreciation to each of the first responders who serve us across the County and beyond. They have dedicated their lives in so many ways to protect life and property at no small risk to themselves. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.”

Warden Liz Danielsen, County of Haliburton

## Quick Facts

- The First Responders Day Act was enacted by the Province in 2013 to recognize and honour the work of “men and women who, in the early stages of an emergency, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment.” (Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s13011>)
- First Responders include volunteers and professionals who work as police officers, firefighters, military personnel, paramedics, medical evacuation pilots, dispatchers, nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians and emergency managers.
- The month of May also marks National Physicians’ Day (May 1), Emergency Preparedness Week (May 7 – 13) and National Nurses Week (May 8 – 14)
- Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative since 1996. During Emergency Preparedness Week, Canadians are reminded to get familiar with potential risks in their area, make an emergency plan specific to their household and build a 72-hour emergency kit. To learn more visit: <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/emergency-preparation.aspx>

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