



CENTENNIAL EVENTS

St. John Ambulance – “A Century of Care”

In 2010, members of the St. John Ambulance Newfoundland and Labrador Council will be celebrating 100 years of providing top quality first aid training and community service to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians and citizens abroad. The following special events are being organized in recognition of this landmark anniversary:

Darrell Cronin Memorial Cadet First Aid Competition - January 16th, 2010

On October 2nd, 1998, a Canadian Forces Labrador helicopter returning from a mission exploded and crashed near Marsouil, Quebec, killing all six of the crew. In the years that followed, MCpl. Greg Smit, a close friend of one of the deceased, looked for a way to honour their sacrifice. With the support of the Newfoundland Cadet Detachment, Canadian Coast Guard and St. John Ambulance, the Darrell Cronin Memorial Cadet First Aid Competition was created. The competition brings together cadets from all three elements - Army, Navy and Air Force - to practice their First Aid skills and compete for an impressive set of awards and trophies. Hosted by 9 Wing Gander, the event is held each year in January bringing together 30 teams from across Newfoundland and Labrador. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the competition, St. John Ambulance is proud to recognise this milestone, both in this competition and our history, through the donation of a new trophy recognising the spirit of camaraderie and achievement. The Esprit de Corps trophy will be awarded to the team best exemplifying professionalism, collaboration and enthusiasm. The presentation of this trophy will also be the first in a series of events commemorating the 100th anniversary of St. John Ambulance in Newfoundland and Labrador.

CPR Challenge (and Public Access Defibrillation) - February 19th, 2010

No matter where you are, people of all ages can suffer heart failure. From choking to cardiac arrest, when the situation is life-threatening it requires swift, effective response. During Heart Month, February 2010, St. John Ambulance will be hosting simultaneous CPR Challenges in communities across the province. This exciting event will engage local Newfoundland and Labrador communities to increase awareness of the importance of knowing what to do in the event of cardiac arrest. St. John Ambulance challenges local businesses, organizations and individuals to enter teams who will participate in demonstrations and presentations increasing



CPR and Automated External Defibrillator [AED] awareness. A nutrition break promoting heart healthy food will be provided. Awards will be presented during the challenge based on participation rates.

Reflections on History - The Rooms - April 11th, 2010

In April 2010, *The Rooms* will host an archival display and reception celebrating 100 years of history of St. John Ambulance in Newfoundland and Labrador. The honorary co-chairs of this event are the grandchildren of Dr. Cluny Macpherson, one of the founding members of the Newfoundland overseas branch of St. John Ambulance.

Investiture Ceremony and Annual Dinner - June 10th, 2010

St. John Ambulance will honour Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for their contributions to the citizens of the province and for their actions in saving lives. This will take place during a Ceremony on June 10th at 2:30 pm at the Anglican Cathedral in St. John's. This event will be presided over by the Lieutenant Governor and followed by a Reception at Government House and an Investiture Dinner beginning at 7:00 pm at The Capital Hotel.

Training for Life Conference - October 22-24, 2010

Each year St. John Ambulance offers invaluable continuing education and training to our instructors and community service volunteers by presenting a Training For Life Conference in Gander, NL. The purpose of the Annual Training for Life Conference is to maintain standards and quality of instruction in first aid and CPR. It is also an opportunity for participants to meet their counterparts from other parts of the province, which provides significant opportunity to network and share best practices.

October Priory Council Meetings (National Board of Directors) - October 28-31, 2010

In October 2010, St. John Ambulance Newfoundland and Labrador Council will be hosting the National Priory Council Meetings. Priory Council is the national board of directors representing more than 20,000 dedicated members of St. John Ambulance in Canada.

