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MASTER CORPORAL MICHAEL BURSEY: WAR HERO, HUSBAND, FATHER, SON, ST. JOHN AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER TO SPEAK AT 34TH ANNUAL TRAINING FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

October 22, 2010 Gander – From October 22nd - 24th the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of St. John Ambulance will host its 34th Annual Provincial Training for Life Conference in Gander at the Albatross Hotel. Highlighting this event is special guest speaker Master Corporal Michael Bursey who recently was awarded the **Medal of Military Valour** "for courage and decisive leadership when exposed to sustained enemy fire." Master Corporal Bursey "repeatedly returned to a burning vehicle filled with exploding ordnance, to help extract and tend to casualties." Due to his efforts, five people were saved; however, three of his comrades were killed. From a very young age Michael knew he wanted to serve his community and help people in need. At the age of 10 he first joined St. John Ambulance and went on to participate and win various provincial and national first aid competitions. At the age of 12 he was the very first person in Newfoundland and Labrador to be award the Grand Prior Award which is only awarded to young people who have demonstrated great proficiency in first aid, health and safety. On the occasion of our 100th Anniversary, we are honoured to have Master Corporal Bursey speak at our awards banquet Saturday evening to share his experiences of volunteering with St. John Ambulance and how that influenced him in his career choice.

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St. John Ambulance has been ensuring the health, safety and quality of life for Newfoundlanders & Labradorians since 1910. Each year more than 400 St. John Ambulance first aid instructors train over twenty thousand Newfoundlanders & Labradorians. First aid courses include Standard First Aid and Emergency First Aid, and incorporate training in Emergency Scene Management, Shock, Choking, CPR, Severe Bleeding and much more. St. John Ambulance Canada is a world-wide, non-denominational charitable organization, dedicated to the service of others. The mission of St. John Ambulance is to enable Canadians to improve their health, safety and quality of life by providing training and community service. Please visit www.sja.ca/nl for a complete listing of first aid courses and products, along with information about St. John Ambulance – Newfoundland & Labrador Council.

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