

Harold Goldstein

Central Zone / Ontario Division

On September 18, 2019 Goldie was notified by the Chancellery of Honours, Rideau Hall, residence of the Patron of the Canadian Ski Patrol, the Governor General of Canada, that he had been awarded the Sovereigns Medal for Volunteers. An official Canadian honour, this medal recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of individuals from across the country or abroad, in a wide range of fields. The official citation reads: "Harold Goldstein has dedicated over half a century to volunteering with the Canadian Ski Patrol, taking on positions such as patrol leader, trainer, national statistician, and Ontario Division Vice-President of Operations. He has provided advanced first aid services both on and off the ski hill, and worked with local medical professionals to improve the assistance available to those involved in emergencies." In Order of Precedence, the SMV comes after other honours and decorations, but before the Canada Decoration (CD) awarded to members of the Canadian Forces for long service.

In the early 1970's, Goldie was instrumental in the collection and compilation of tracking accident statistics across Canada. In the early days of the CSPA, while information on accidents was collected, little was done with the data. Goldie was a key participant in the compilation and analysis of this data and would become the National Statistician for the CSPA. In 1978, the Government of Canada requested the CSPA provide data on ski injuries, and was able to do so because of Goldie's contribution. According to 'May I Help You' in 1984-85 the CSPA processed statistics on 11,177. Further to quote from the same source: "The CSPA has been recognized internationally because of its excellent accident statistics. It made the CSPA a world leader in injury causes and protection programs." After receiving his CSP #410 in 1980, Goldie became the Ontario Division, VP Operations. While in that role, and as part of the Division Training team he personally visited patrols across Ontario to assist them to develop their local training programs. He became an Instructor for the CSP in 1969. He has been active in the training department ever since. Goldie also interviewed and submitted the results of those interviews, to the authors of our official history 'May I Help You'. This publication is still a reference for the part of our history that has not been documented in computer databases. For many years, Goldie was the key organizer for not only Zone, but National competitions as well. There are many members still serving from that time period, that recall Goldie's casualty simulation efforts for those competitions, as well as regular training classes within Central Zone. Goldie continues to provide this expertise as recently as the 2019 Field Day in Central Zone. The 1988 Calgary Olympics was a key milestone for the CSP and Goldie participated. He was selected to provide service at the bob-sled and luge runs, activities that have a high potential for disastrous consequences. Goldie was instrumental in arranging the annual briefing from Collingwood General and Marine Hospital to new patrollers regarding ski related injuries and treatment protocols. (CGMH is one of the busiest hospitals in Canada in relation to snow sports injuries). The positive relationship developed allowed Central Zone and the hospital to develop and implement an outreach program that sees patrollers

providing duty shifts in the hospital ER. This level of interaction and integration makes us a better provider.

Goldie's contribution in regards to the collection and collation of ski injury statistics led to national and international recognition for the CSP, as leaders in our field of play. As the Ontario Division VP Operations, his efforts led to a higher and more consistent standard of training within Ontario Division. His visits to collect stories for 'May I Help You' enhanced communication within the System and ensured that the links to our history were documented. His recommendations on the conduct of AFA competitions are in general use throughout Ontario Division. His contribution to the coordination, casualty simulation, mark tabulating and programming established the basis for our current Zone, Division and National competitions. Since 2008, Goldie has coordinated Central Zone Field Days, of which there are two per year and continues to participate in the Central Zone Presidents Cup competition. For 50 plus years, Goldie has been a solid and consistent performer for the CSP, whether in his role of Instructor, PL, VP Operations or member of the Board of Directors of Central Zone. His impact has been recognized, not only by National with a CSP, by Division with a Life Member award, the Province of Ontario with the Government of Ontario Volunteer Service Award, Ontario Division Executive Award and the Sovereigns Medal for Volunteers. He is a Milestone Instructor, having instructed more than 100 hours in training courses within Central Zone.

In the early stages of his career with the CSP, Goldie conclusively demonstrated effective leadership for the CSP with his active involvement at the National, Division and Zone level. Our organization has gone through many challenges in the past 78 years, but the foundations that Goldie helped establish remain solid, allowing the CSP to change and adapt. Goldie has not stopped leading. He leads by training new patrollers and encouraging their participation in Zone leadership. He does not stand in the way of new generations of leaders, he encourages them and remains to advise and assist them as they face leadership challenges. His focus has been to look to the future. He has been a sound mentor and guide to many Zone Presidents that has assisted them in finding the ways to realize the mandate of the CSP in a challenging, competitive and changing industry. The establishment of the annual medical briefing created an indispensable opportunity to link our training to Emergency Room outcomes for our patients. His contribution to this effort, with his years as an Instructor, were positive foundations for the high reputation we enjoy at Collingwood General and Marine. Goldie continues to be an active leader on the Central Zone Ontario Board of Directors and participate within the Training Department. He is a key member of the Zone Competition Team, assisting in competition design, set up and tabulating results. Goldie has not only had an impact within Central Zone, his impact on patrollers who have assumed leadership positions at the Division and National level is significant. He represents stability within the Zone and a living link to the earlier years of the CSP.

Goldie is currently listed in the NDS as an Associate Member. His attempt at the Diagnostic Exam was unsuccessful, yet he continues to participate, support and be a leader within Central Zone. Life Member is not a long service award, yet for more than 50 years Goldie has been a contributor to the development of new patrollers and success of Central Zone. We

failed to write down all of Goldie's accomplishments, so their importance is dim to us today. Nonetheless, they are significant. In the event that Recognition Committee declines this nomination, I respectfully request that it be forwarded to the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 5.6 of the Recognition Program manual, notwithstanding your recommendation.

The citation from Her Excellency provides a succinct summary of Goldie's contribution to the CSP over the past 50 years and one that he continues to deliver to us today. He is a link to our past and a builder for our future. Goldie, in our view, has earned this recognition.