

# Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Regional Council Commendation

*Council Meeting – August 2, 2016*

*Presented by: Councillor Sheldon Germain*



# Purpose

The purpose of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Council Commendation Program is to enable Council Members to award and recognize individuals for deeds or acts of service or valour that is outstanding, exceptional and beyond the expected normal call of duty.

# Eligibility

## Inaugural Recipients

Personnel who served during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Wild Fire events, including:

- Regional Emergency Services firefighters and personnel
- Municipal Law Enforcement Peace Officers
- Municipal employees serving in the REOC and at other locations
- Alberta Sheriffs
- Wood Buffalo RCMP Police Officers
- Industry, business and contractor personnel
- Mutual Aid Partners
- Volunteers and citizens

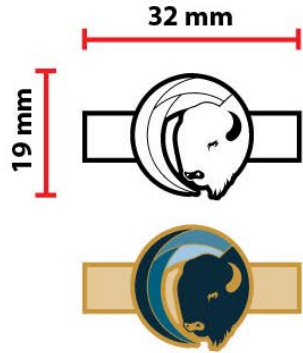
# Eligibility

## Future Recipients

Future eligibility criteria, including the number of recipients and frequency of awards would be set out in a Council Policy.

# Breast Pocket Pin Style 1, 2, 3

#1



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
- Pantone 7697
- Pantone 543

#3



#2



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
- Pantone 7697
- Pantone 543

# Alternate Sizes

# Size 1, 2, 3

## #1



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
- Pantone 7697
- Pantone 543

Sandblast

## #3



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
- Pantone 7697
- Pantone 543

## #2



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
- Pantone 7697
- Pantone 543

# Alternate Sizes    Size 1, 2, 3

#1



#3



#2

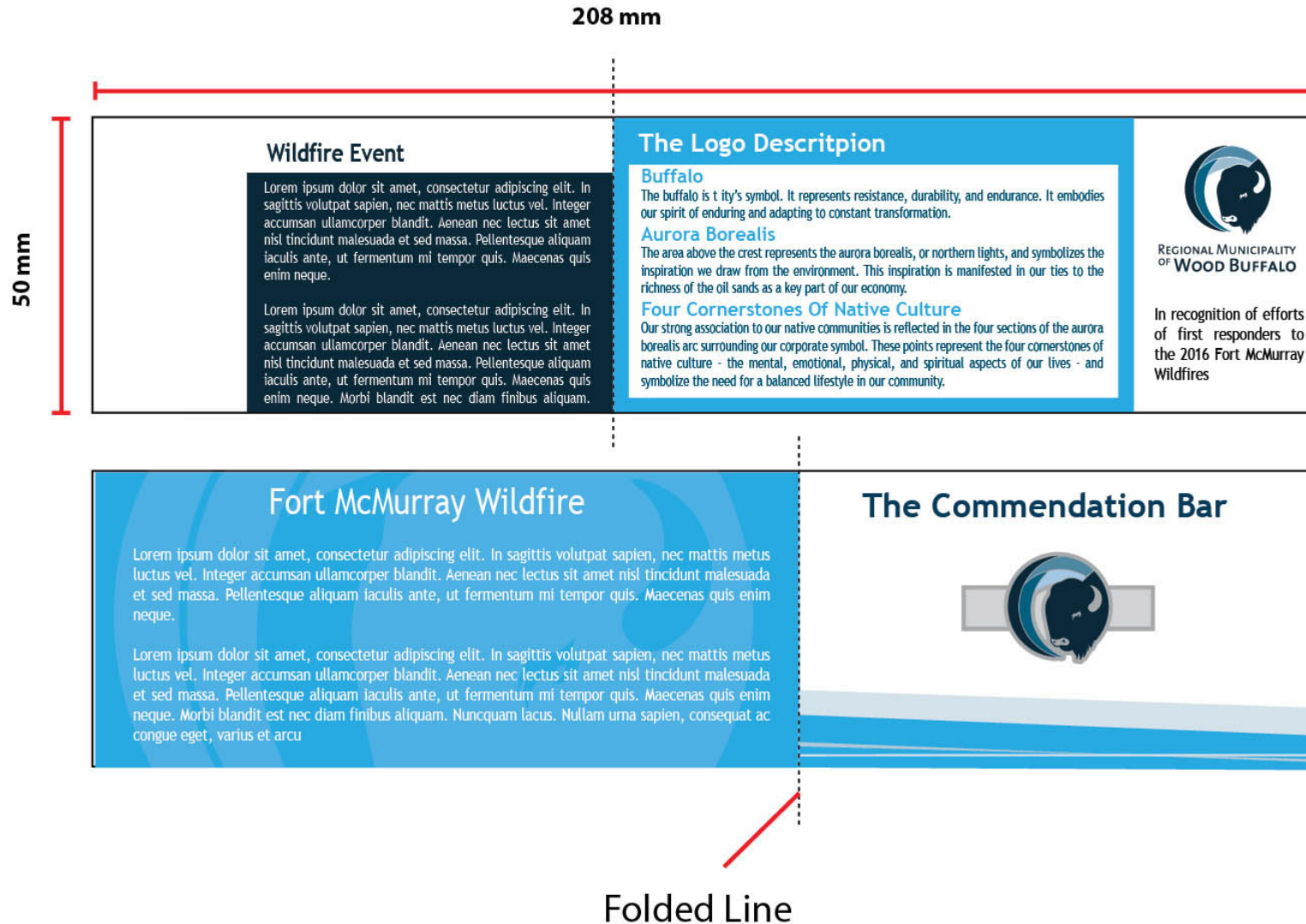


# Display Case





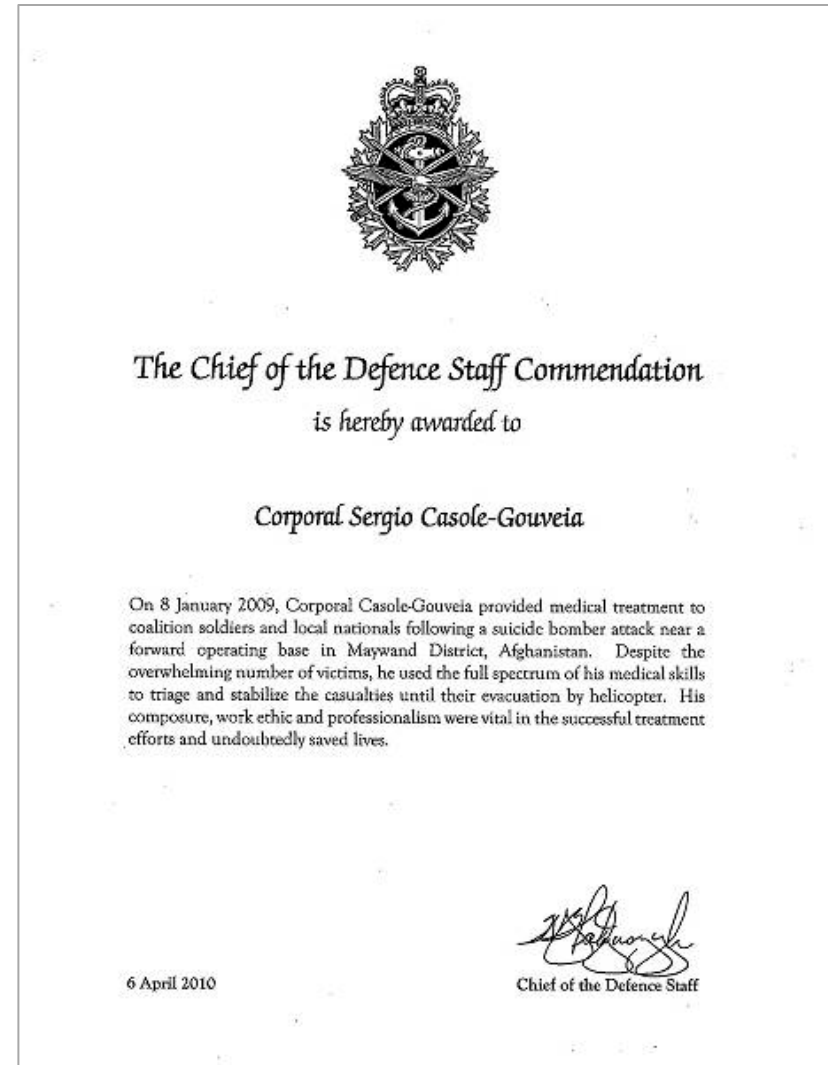
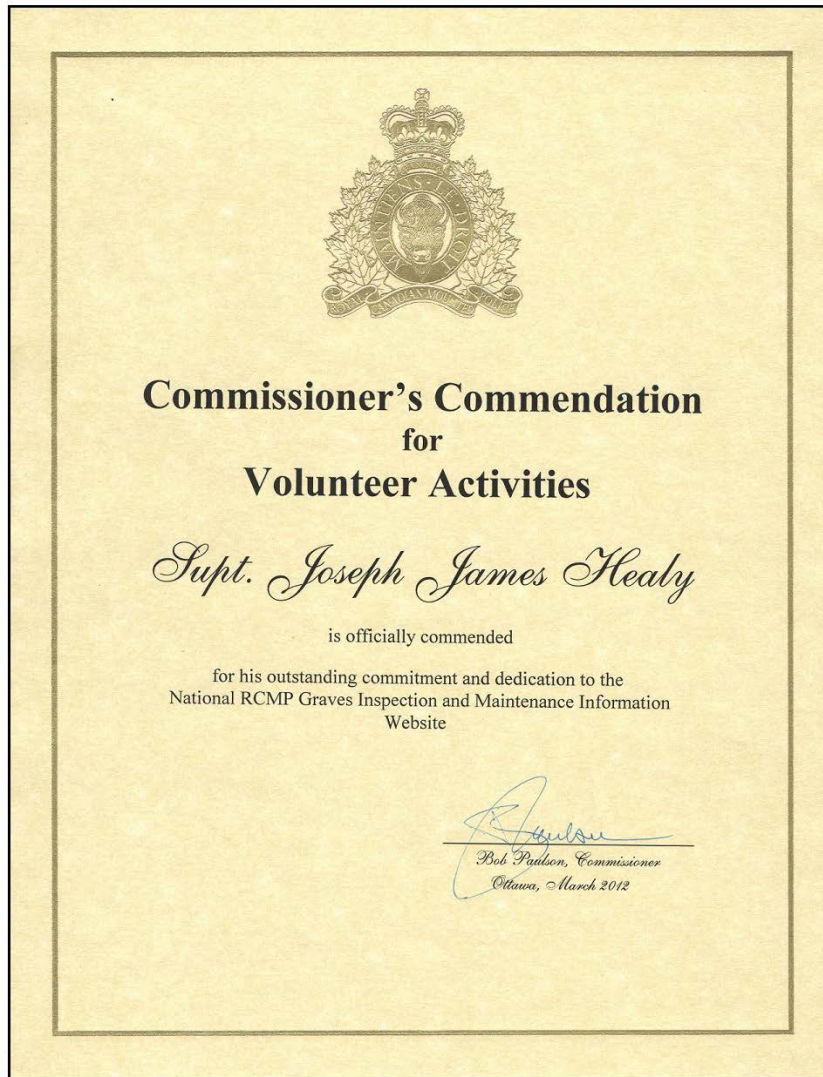
# Citation Card for Display Case



# Wall Certificate



# Wall Certificate



# Proposed Citation - Firefighter

*The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council Commendation is awarded to Firefighter John Smith, for conspicuous **valour** and meritorious service during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires, while performing his duty under hazard in a position of significant responsibility. Firefighter Smith distinguished himself by performing his community and protective duties while under extreme conditions, and in so doing, contributed to the safety of hundreds of residents and their family companions. The wildfires that overwhelmed large areas of Fort McMurray and the Wood Buffalo region, tested the strength and character of our citizens and communities. Firefighter Smith's actions during the early hours of the State of Emergency reflect great credit on himself and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and exemplify the Municipality's commitment to safety, resilience and working together.*

# Proposed Citation – REOC Leader

*The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council Commendation is awarded to Deputy Chief John Smith, for conspicuous **leadership** and meritorious service during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires, while performing his duty under hazard in a position of significant responsibility. Deputy Smith distinguished himself by performing his community and protective duties while under extreme conditions, and in so doing, contributed to the safety of hundreds of residents and their family companions. The wildfires that overwhelmed large areas of Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo region, tested the strength and character of our citizens and communities. Deputy Smith's actions during the early hours of the State of Emergency reflect great credit on himself and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and exemplify the Municipality's commitment to safety, resilience and working together.*

# Breast Pocket and Lapel Pin

(based on Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation, below)



# Cost

- **\$745 for 100**
- **\$1500 for 250**
- **\$2500 for 500**
  
- Additional cost to be investigated for:
  - Wall Certificate and Protective Binder
  - Lapel Pin (if desired)

# Next Steps and Considerations

- Confirm style and size of centerpiece
- Citation wording for display box insert and wall certificate – To be Determined in consultation with Communications Department
- Decision on Lapel Pin, in addition to the Breast Pocket Bar
- Procurement and Production
- Awards and Selection Committee
- Selection of Recipients
- Presentations Event – date and venue



# Recommendations

Direct administration to:

1. immediately proceed with an inaugural event to recognize the numerous individuals involved in the first 100 hours of the 2016 wildfire event, and allocate any needed funds from the existing Council budget;
2. investigate opportunities for the creation of a commemorative landmark to recognize the significance of the 2016 wildfire events, and the heroic efforts of those involved in fighting it; and
3. develop a Council Policy for a long-term commendation program for Council's consideration.

Thank you

