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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Hospital benefits from the roaring success of the Firefighter Games!

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that it has received a gift of \$8000 from the Ocean Wave Fire Company. The gift is the proceeds from



The Ocean Wave Fire Company presenting the proceeds from the Firefighter Games to Esther Houle (centre), CNO/Outpatient Manager for CPDMH.

the 2010 Convention of the Eastern Ontario Firefighters Association which was held in Carleton Place from June 18-20. Activities that occurred during the weekend convention included the Association's annual general meeting, a dance and the Firefighter Games.

“Our Fire Department is not normally a fundraising organization, but the men decided that if

the activities associated with the Firefighter Games generated a profit, it would be a natural fit to donate the proceeds to the Carleton Place Hospital,” stated Chief Les Reynolds. “Our Fire Department is very committed and supportive of the Hospital and we are very pleased to be able to make this donation.”

“We are so honoured that the Ocean Wave Fire Company has given the proceeds from the Firefighter Games to our Hospital,” stated Esther Houle, CNO/ Outpatient Manager for CPDMH. “We really appreciate this wonderful gift as well as the hard work and dedication exhibited by the firefighters as they serve our community year round.”

A total of 13 departments from Mississippi Mills to Iroquois attended the convention with over 125 firefighters participating in the Firefighter Games. The games included such challenges as a hose relay, water bucket race and hose coupling. At the end of the day, the Kemptville Fire Department was declared the overall winner of the competition.

“We really had a great turn out from the Fire Departments throughout the region as well as tremendous support from the community and I would like to thank the organizing committee for doing such a great job in planning this event,” continued Chief Reynolds. “While I’m not certain where our team placed in the overall competition, I’m sure it was close to the top!”

The funds given to the Hospital will be used to purchase a bed, expected to cost \$8,800, for the inpatient unit. In addition to the funds donated to the Hospital, the Ocean Wave Fire Company also decided to donate \$500 to help pay for a defibrillator for the soccer club to be located at the Notre Dame High School field.

The Ocean Wave Fire Company is a composite fire service that has proudly served our community since 1875 and currently has 26 members.

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