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Dufferin County is Seeking Nominations for the Paul Chantree Memorial Award

Dufferin – Do you know a person or organization that has helped to make Dufferin County more resilient to emergency situations? Perhaps you know a person or organization that helped out during a crisis? If so Dufferin County is asking you to consider nominating them for the 2017 Paul Chantree Memorial Award.

Prior to his passing in 2010 Paul Chantree was instrumental in the preparedness and response to severe weather events in Dufferin County. As the long-time Emergency Coordinator of the Dufferin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Paul provided leadership to a dedicated group of volunteers. Among his many accomplishments Paul founded a website which he maintained tirelessly to ensure the safety of all of Dufferin County's residents by providing up-to-date forecasts and severe weather alerts. His commitment to the County was compelling and evident to everyone who knew him. Paul was also active in his community through many other organizations and causes. To honour Paul's memory and to ensure a legacy of committed community resilience County Council created the Paul Chantree Memorial Award in 2011.

The Paul Chantree Memorial Award is presented annually in two categories. The individual category recognizes the person who has demonstrated a commitment to continuing Paul's legacy by working tirelessly to promote a safer and more resilient community.

The organization category recognizes a company, organization or group that has made a significant contribution to the safety and resiliency of Dufferin County.

Previous recipients include a Shelburne resident who assisted by providing first aid at a motor vehicle collision; a community leader who fed stranded motorists during a severe winter storm and a charitable organization that provided support to emergency responders during several incidents.

The award consists of a Perpetual Trophy which will be displayed in the County of Dufferin's Corporate Services department, there is also a trophy for each recipient to display in their workplace or home.

Nomination forms are available at the Dufferin County office located at 55 Zina Street, 2nd Floor Administration office, Orangeville, Ontario between 8:30 and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday or can be accessed [online](http://www.dufferincounty.ca) from our website www.dufferincounty.ca. Nominations will be accepted until March 31st, 2017 and the award will be presented by County Council on May 11th, 2017.

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