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Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund Donates Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in name of the late Constable Gerald Fortis (RCMP)

Belleville, ON – The City of Belleville’s Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre will participate in a special ceremony hosted by the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre. The Ontario not for profit organization was formed in 2009 and is dedicated to the donation of life-saving defibrillators to public buildings in the name of fallen Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS and Military members who have died in the line of duty.

This year, the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund is paying respect to Constable Gerald Fortis of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who passed away December 25, 1997 after a line of duty automobile accident in Chilliwack, British Columbia. The Fortis family is from Belleville, Ontario and is the location where Constable Gerald Fortis is laid to rest.

Representatives from the Fortis Family, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the City of Belleville will be on hand to take part in the small ceremony that is open to the public. Michael Fortis (brother of Gerald Fortis) will receive the donation of a plaque and AED unit on behalf of the Fortis Family. The plaque and Automated External Defibrillator will be mounted in a prominent location within the Yardmen Arena at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre. “To date, 85 devices, two of which were used to save two lives have been donated,” said Patrick Armstrong of the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund.

“On behalf of our entire family, we are honoured that the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund is making this donation on behalf of Gerry. Having it available for public use at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre could potentially help save a life,” said Michael Fortis, brother of Gerald Fortis.

The City of Belleville is pleased to be part of this special ceremony and is equally proud to have the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre chosen as the location of the plaque and AED honouring Constable Gerald Fortis,” said Mayor Taso Christopher. “The Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre is a multi-use recreation and entertainment centre with more than 30,000 people visits each week and adding an additional AED to our existing stock is of tremendous benefit.”

To learn more about the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund, visit:
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