

TORONTO FIRE SERVICES COMBAT TEAM

Team Captain **CHARLES MCGREGOR**

The 2005 season has been very exciting for the Toronto Fire Services Combat Challenge Team. Training camp began at the Academy back in April, and culminated in September with the National Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. Many team and individual accomplishments were achieved along the way. The team qualified to compete at the World Challenge Championships XIV, in Deerfield Beach, Florida in November unfortunately due to Hurricane Wilma, the week long competition was postponed.

Acquisition of major sponsorship and active fund raising has allowed the TFS Team to remain self-sufficient. For the second year in a row, the team's primary sponsor has been Paul Davis Systems-Fire Restoration. Supporting sponsors included Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Professional Firefighters' Association Local 3888, Just Imagine Designs, Total Fire Group-Morning Pride, Site-Canada, Launch! Brand Marketing and Adidas. Funds are also raised through the sale of combat team logo T-shirts and patches. In April the team participated in the Industrial Accident Prevention Association convention and were featured on Breakfast Television. In May, two team members donated their time and were featured in the Wasip Limited Protective Clothing catalogue. June found team members participating in the Paul Davis Systems 20th Anniversary Celebration Convention and Open House to commemorate the opening of their new office building.

The Toronto Fire Services Combat Challenge Team members are Charles McGregor, Doug Harper, Warren Moore, Bill Leontaritis, Scott Masters, Tim Deakin, Aziz Dousheh, Bruce Bottom and Chris Massie. **The Toronto Fire Services**

Women's Combat Team members are: Kelly Hathway, Adina Kaufman, Danielle



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The team travelled to Thunder Bay, Kitchener, Belleville, Ottawa/Osgood, Windsor, Brampton, and Edmonton during the 2005 season and brought home the following honours:

Thunder Bay – Men's Relay – Third Place – Team Members: Doug Harper, Warren Moore, Scott Masters, Tim Deakin and Aziz Dousheh.

Belleville – Combat Team recognized for donating funds towards Ray's Ride for Cancer Foundation during opening ceremonies.

Ottawa/Osgood – Women's Relay – Second Place – Team Members: Kelly Hathway, Jana Chvatal, and Danielle Comolli.

Ottawa/Osgood – Women's Individual Race – Second Place: Kelly Hathway

Windsor – Women's Individual Race – First Place: Jana Chvatal

Brampton - Bill Leontaritis' individual race time of 1:45 placed him in contention for the Scott Firefighter Rookie of the Year Award. Charles McGregor's individual race time of 1:56 in the over 40 category earned him a bye in the National Championship Final Day.

Edmonton, Alberta-National Championship – Women's Relay – Second Place – Team Members:

Kelly Hathway, Jana Chvatal, Adina Kaufman, Lisa Heeney and Danielle Comolli.

The 2006 season promises to be another exciting year. The team and their sponsors are looking forward to hosting a Combat Challenge Competition to be held on August 25 and 26, prior to the International Association of Firefighters Convention. This will be a two day event with corporate sponsor challenge/relays on the Friday and the combat challenge on the Saturday.

Congratulations to all team members who trained and competed throughout the year, it truly is the "toughest two minutes in sport."