

MEDIA RELEASE

**St. John Ambulance Volunteers
Working with New York City Fire Department**

OTTAWA, September 13, 2001—Two St. John Ambulance volunteers are working side-by-side with American Emergency Response teams in New York City. The two London, Ontario residents are assisting with search and rescue efforts at the World Trade centre and surrounding area following the attacks in that city.

The volunteers are paramedics licensed to work in the United States. Under the auspices of the New York City Fire Department, the Canadian volunteers have assisted with the extrication of civilians, fire fighters and police officers. They have also been tasked with transporting victims to medical facilities.

In Canada St. John Ambulance volunteers in Halifax, Moncton, Gander and Yellowknife are assisting in airports and reception centres providing a variety of services to displaced passengers and air crews including:

- first aid,
- basic health care services,
- transportation of ill and injured to medical facilities,
- assistance with personal hygiene items and medications,
- distribution of personal care items solicited from local businesses,
- and, emotional comfort and support.

Personnel and material resources remain on stand-by across Canada for deployment, domestically or internationally, as requested by Provincial/Territorial and/or federal governments.

St. John Ambulance is Canada's leader in first aid and work's in collaboration with Health Canada and the Government of Canada's Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness in matters of emergency response.

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