

Emergency alerts now distributed on compatible mobile devices, television and radio

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Today, May 7, test alerts will be sent to compatible LTE (long-term evolution)-connected mobile devices in Quebec and Ontario. These test alerts will also be distributed through television and radio in those provinces. In Quebec, the alerts will be sent at 9:55 am and in Ontario, at 1:55 pm.

Since April 6, all wireless service providers have been obligated to distribute wireless public emergency alert mes-

sages on their LTE networks. The public alert test is an opportunity for Canadians to become familiar with how public alert messages will be delivered to their mobile devices, including the tone and vibration cadence that will distinguish them from regular text messages.

The messages will be identified as tests and will not require Canadians to take steps to secure their safety.

To learn more about test alerts and to find out if a cell phone is capable of receiving emergency alerts, Canadians can

visit the Alert Ready website.

Wireless and broadcasting service providers will conduct a nationwide public alerting test during Emergency Preparedness Week to ensure that the alerting system is functional, and to create awareness of national public alerting system among Canadians.

Canadians may be required to acknowledge receipt of the emergency alert in order to allow for their wireless device to resume normal functioning. In the event that they cannot acknowledge

the alert, the alert sound and vibration will continue for 8 seconds.

Emergency alert messages are issued by federal, provincial and territorial governments and emergency management officials to warn the public of imminent threats, such as fires, tornadoes, floods, water contamination, and Amber Alerts. These officials are also responsible for issuing scheduled test messages.

Roland Jersey

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and Animator, Eszter Csiszer organize a variety of activities for the group of twelve to enjoy. The two had prepared refreshments for the joyous occasion and the other clients were very proud of Roland who was delighted with the recognition and deeply moved by the visit of the members of the Club.

"I'm pretty proud on this special day," said Jersey. "Now, we are really going to get 'em," he exclaimed in reference to any hunters who might break the rules of the club!!

A certificate was presented to Roland from the Fish and Game Club as members of the CAB Board of Directors (James Eby and Murielle Parkes), some of the CAB staff and friends and family applauded. The sheer delight of the whole thing could be seen in the smile that appeared on Roland's face throughout the presentation and long after. Other CAB Board members (Danielle Cousineau and Hilary Head) stopped later to congratulate Roland and to express the CABMN's pride in his achievement.

Roland suffers from an intellectual impairment. He grew up on a farm in

Vale Perkins and now resides at the Sunshine House in Mansonville. Roland is a loving spirit who is eager to fight injustice and he makes the world a better place just by being himself. For many local farmers, horse enthusiasts and now, those who work and volunteer through the Ken Jones Respite program, Roland is one of our local treasures.

"This is one of the best things we have ever done," said John Aiken a former Director with the club. John reminded Roland of times gone by as he told stories about the late Fred Jersey, (Roland's Dad) and their riding around as game wardens with Roland in tow.

"Yes sir," beamed Roland. "We sure got them back then didn't we?"

Roland's brother, Ken Jersey and his wife Linda were present for the presentation and both were extremely happy that Roland received this honor. Roland's sister, Hilda who lives in Ontario will certainly be proud of her brother when he shares the news and you can bet that he will.

"I want to thank the Ken Jones staff for allowing us the time to do this for Rollie," said Paul St.Onge. "It was such a great experience and it made us all feel

so good," he added.

Roland will no doubt be talking about this day for a very long time. It is hard to measure the joy that a gesture can bring but, if I had to guess, I'd say that this

would rank pretty high on the "dream come true" scale for Roland. Roland's badge is now backed by a certificate and that is just about as official as it gets!



Fish and Game Club members: John Aiken, Paul St.Onge, Roland Jersey, Ross Taylor and Charles Barnett



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Roland Jersey proudly displays his certificate from the Brome County Fish and Game Club

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