

Caledon residents to be decorated for bravery at Rideau Hall

Three Caledon residents, who are also firefighters in Mississauga, will be receiving Medals of Bravery today from Gov. Gen. Julie Payette.

Anthony Colabufalo of Caledon, Daryl Roy of Palgrave and Brian Chapman of Bolton were among a group of firefighters and paramedics cited in an incident that took place April 23, 2014.

They were instrumental in the rescue of three firefighters injured in a warehouse explosion in Mississauga. A violent blast inside the warehouse caused a wall to collapse, burying the firefighters under the rubble. The remaining firefighters either had their breathing apparatus blown off by the explosion or had to remove them after quickly running out of oxygen. Despite flying debris, heavy smoke and secondary explosions, the firefighters and paramedics combined their efforts to recover their injured colleagues, and move them away from the intense heat and flames to safety.

In total, two Stars of Courage and 39 Medals of Bravery are being presented at today's ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. The Medal of Bravery recognizes acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.