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Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Renewal News

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New medal available to cadets and JCRs!

This summer staff cadets and staff JCRs are receiving a little well-deserved recognition, in the form of a new medal. The **Order of St. George** medal is presented to outstanding staff cadets selected at CTCs or JCR Enhanced Training Sessions, recognizing their **exemplary contribution** to the cadet or JCR experience! The medal was created by the Order of St. George, a charitable organization dedicated to encouraging **community service** and helping those in need. **Congrats** to all our summer 2016 recipients!



New risk management tool in testing at CTCs

This summer, we're at CTC to test a new risk management tool designed by the **Risk Matrix** working group. This tool is meant to help staff quickly **identify** and **assess** risks, and **communicate** more effectively about them across the organization.



Risks include not just physical dangers, but also things which would affect the emotional or social well-being of cadets and staff, or the reputation of the organization. The **easy-to-use** tool will enable leaders at all levels to **streamline** the risk assessment process, make solid decisions about activities, and communicate about risk with staff, cadets, and parents. Keep watching for more!



Staff Cadet Sound Off!

*A new Renewal working group is looking at ways to **IMPROVE** the staff cadet experience! Check out our social media post to share **YOUR** thoughts about:*

- *Roles and Tasks*
- *Training*
- *Best Practices*
- *What you learn by being a staff cadet*

JCRP Corner

Over the last few months, the Junior Canadian Ranger Program Costing working group has been **reviewing** the costs of the program. They found that most funding already goes to community-level training and support, and suggested some **ideas** for other investments to improve the JCR program experience:

- Establishing 14 **new** patrols
 - Creating additional **support** resources
 - Youth-focused training and **professional development** for adult staff and volunteers
 - More **outdoor clothing** and equipment for JCRs
 - International** training opportunities
 - Exchanges** between patrols from different Canadian Ranger Patrol Groups
- More information coming soon!

What's this Group Order thing, anyway?

Natl CJCR Sp Gp Orders are a more **intuitive, user-friendly** directive, designed to gradually **replace** Cadet Administrative and Training Orders (CATOs). **Group orders** are based on a standard format used throughout the Canadian Armed Forces, and are meant to make it **less complicated** to find the information you're looking for. As well, the CCO extranet library has been **reorganized** to help make it easier to find and access Group Orders, along with other documents like CANCDTGENs and QR (Cadets). Just click on the **"Policy"** tab at the top of the page to see them. Five new group orders are already available, and are in use by CTC staff this summer.



Last Chance for PYDPO!

The deadline to complete Positive Youth Development and Program Outreach Training has been **extended**! Staff and volunteers now have until **August 31, 2016** to complete the package online using the Defence Learning Network.

