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Commissioner of Yukon presents Award for Bravery to Teslin resident

WHITEHORSE—The Commissioner's Award for Bravery was presented to Richard Dewhurst in Teslin yesterday for his actions in saving the life of a driver on the Alaska Highway on July 31, 2011.

"I am proud to present this award to a very deserving Yukoner," Commissioner Doug Phillips said. "Richard's quick response, despite the risk to his own life, saved that of another man."

While driving on the Alaska Highway near Morley River Bridge, Mr. Dewhurst saw an overturned commercial vehicle. He immediately jumped out of his own vehicle and pulled the driver from the wreckage that seconds later caught fire. A supporting letter from the RCMP states that the fire was so severe that it would have been nearly impossible to extinguish.

"Richard has distinguished himself with an act of bravery and selflessness," Phillips added.

The Commissioner's Award for Bravery recognizes individuals who have responded with great effort, at considerable personal risk in hazardous circumstances, to save or safeguard, or attempt to save or safeguard, the life of one or more persons. The last Award for Bravery was presented in August 2011.

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