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## OUELLET PRESENTS 1995 AWARD FOR CONSULAR EXCELLENCE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today presented the 1995 Minister's Award for Consular Excellence to Scott Munro, First Secretary and Consul in Riyadh. Mr. Munro was honoured for implementing and managing an innovative outreach program, which has proved highly successful in preventing consular incidents in Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

"I am very pleased to recognize Mr. Munro's tireless efforts in evacuating Canadians from Yemen during the 1994 Civil War," said Mr. Ouellet.

Ms. Beth Ann Van Ham, Mr. John Morrow, Ms. Susana Martinez, Ms. Nicole Houle, and Mr. Craig Bale were presented with citations for exemplary service in the consular field.

Beth Ann Van Ham, a Consular Program Officer in Detroit, Michigan, was honoured for suggesting and implementing the 'Border Kids' project. Initiated in 1991, this program is designed to help young Canadians avoid getting into trouble with American law-enforcement authorities.

John Morrow, former Second Secretary and Vice Consul in Algiers, was recognized for his selfless assistance to Canadian and other foreign nationals under increasingly stressful and dangerous conditions including terrorist attacks on foreigners living and working in Algeria.

Susana Martinez, a locally engaged Consular Assistant in Havana, Cuba, received her citation for consistently high standards of consular performance under very difficult conditions, and for outstanding work on a particularly difficult case involving two Canadians implicated in the deaths of two Cubans and the serious injury of a young adolescent.



Consular Attaché and Vice Consul in Moscow, Nicole Houle, received recognition for her outstanding professionalism, dedication and personal commitment in attending to Canadians in need of repatriation, medical evacuation, foreign adoption assistance and replacement of stolen documents.

The final citation was presented to Craig Bale, First Secretary and Consul in Beijing, for his assistance to Captain Barry Woods, the Canadian pilot involved in the crash of a Korean Airlines airplane in August 1994.

The Minister's Award for Consular Excellence is presented annually as part of the Department's Recognition and Awards Program.

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