

Investiture of Lifesaving Honours
RESCUE COMMENDATION AWARD CITATION
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Andreas Weinand

QUARRY LAKE, CANMORE, ALBERTA - JULY 23, 2017

THE RESCUE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE recognizes an outstanding rescue by a person who is not a Lifesaving Society award holder.

On July 23, 2017, Andreas Weinand had just returned from a swim in the water at Quarry Lake in Canmore. Stephen Sacha, a friend who was with Andreas at the lake, was intently watching a man attempting to swim diagonally across the lake. Stephen noticed that the man was now struggling to swim. Shortly after this, the man submerged beneath the surface of the water and then seconds later, resurfaced. Once Andreas and Stephen were together, they both determined that this man was in the drowning process.

Andreas Weinand, is a German citizen living and working in Canmore, began to swim as fast as he could toward the drowning man. As he was swimming, another bystander, Guyot Bisson, ran barefoot along a gravel path around to the North side of the lake to get closer to the victim. Guyot also jumped into the water to swim out and help rescue the drowning man. Before Guyot was able to get him safely to shore, Andreas Weinand, had also arrived to help. Together they pulled the man to safety. They were only three to four metres from shore. Another unknown man had also entered the water from the East shore to try and help.

For his quick response and outstanding effort, **Andreas Weinand** is awarded the Rescue Commendation Certificate.