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RESCUE COMMENDATION AWARD CITATION

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Holly Schlaht

MCGREGOR LAKE, VULCAN COUNTY, ALBERTA – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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

On September 30, 2017, the Vulcan RCMP had received a 911 call of a missing boater at Lake McGregor campground. On this date, four males were out in their fishing boat on the lake when the weather turned for the worse and took on water.

Holly Schlaht was on her pontoon boat on McGregor Lake. This same fishing boat she had seen earlier had disappeared. She drove her boat to the area she had last seen it and found a debris field of gear from the capsized boat. She saw one of the men standing up near the shore and noted two other men in the water trying to swim. Both of these men were suffering from hypothermia and would most likely have drowned were it not for Holly's quick thinking and actions. She got both of the men onto her pontoon boat where she noted that their conditions were worsening and quickly got them to shore. Holly's friends, Tammy Robinson and Grant Turner, were waiting on shore. Tammy called 911 as Holly was heading to shore. When Holly arrived, Tammy and Grant both helped to get the two men off the boat. Tammy took the men to their trailer where it was warm and to await EMS. Grant returned to join Holly on her boat to search for the fourth man. They continued to search for several hours while Tammy remained with the other men. The fourth man was located 9 days later by a team of divers and had drowned in the incident prior to Holly arriving. The other man that swam to shore was also treated by EMS for hypothermia and released. The quick actions of Holly Schlaht, Tammy Robinson and Grant Turner saved two lives that day.

For her quick response and outstanding effort, **Holly Schlaht** is awarded the Rescue Commendation Certificate.