



The Honourable Edna Ekhivalak Elias Commissioner of Nunavut

**Speech to RCMP Awards Presentation
May 5, 2011
Iqaluit**

Commissioner Elliott, Chief McVarnock, Guests, Award Recipients, Fellow Officers and Employees, Families and Friends.

It is with great pleasure and honour that I join you this morning in recognition of the outstanding contributions of members and employees to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their years of distinguished service.

“To serve and protect”; on countless occasions, done selflessly, putting oneself in harm’s way to fulfill the call of duty.

Exemplary service that at times does not receive the praise and recognition that it deserves.

Also the service performed beyond the call of duty to contribute to the well-being and safety of our residents and communities. For example, whenever and wherever I travel as Commissioner of Nunavut, despite their busy schedules and demands placed upon them, RCMP Officers have been very welcoming, accommodating and supportive whenever I am in their respective community. This

added responsibility and hospitality does not go unnoticed by me and my Office.

In behalf of Nunavunmiut, I commend each and every one of you on your accomplishments and dedicated years of service and contribution.

Congratulations at the highest level.

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