



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

November 29, 2017

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Robert Clark, Toronto, Canada
Diploma Award Recipient

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Robert (Bob) Clark, Toronto, Canada has been honoured with the Diploma Award for his significant contribution to our knowledge in the areas of drowning, near drowning, lifesaving and lifeguarding, through analysis and reporting on the factors contributing to a fatal drowning incident, lessons learned and strategies to prevent future drownings.

The Diploma is one of the Society's oldest and most prestigious international awards. RLSS Diploma is awarded to individuals and groups who have added to our knowledge in ways that can save lives and prevent drowning.

Bob Clark has made a significant contribution to drowning prevention sharing with lifeguards, aquatic professionals and governmental agencies his comprehensive case analysis that included a detailed evaluation of a fatal drowning incident and illustration of the best practices in post-accident event including medical coroner inquest and implementation of coroner's jury's recommendations.

This case analysis has been shared and published locally, nationally and internationally over 20 times in a 25-year period and has impacted lifeguard training, post incident aquatic management policies, and policy requirements for admission requirements for children at public pools.

Bob's work has demonstrated a high calibre contribution to improving drowning prevention and post incident management. The reach and impact of this comprehensive case analysis was quite impressive in both people, places and methods communicated.

The Royal Life Saving Society commends Robert (Bob) Clark for his stellar contribution and his commitment to drowning prevention.