



# CANADIAN PEACE AND SECURITY OFFICERS TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Emergency Vehicles Donation to Haiti – On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for being here today, right here at the port, as these emergency vehicles are about to set sail for Haiti.

On behalf of **CPSOTA**, the **Canadian Peace and Security Officers Training Association**, founded in 1964 and which I have had the honor to lead since 2015, I am proud to announce that this major humanitarian project is finally coming to fruition.

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## The Facts:

In just a few days, **12 fire trucks** and **10 ambulances** will depart from the United States, by ship, bound for Haiti.

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## Why this donation?

Because Haiti is in my heart and in my blood.  
I carry within me the heritage of the heroes of 1804.  
And when I witnessed the recent tragedies, I decided to act, without delay.

I think of **December 14, 2021, in Cap-Haïtien**, where 75 people lost their lives and more than 100 were injured.  
I also think of the fire of **September 14, 2024**, which caused 24 deaths and left many more seriously injured.

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## A project born from perseverance

In **2021**, we initially proposed a donation of **10 fire trucks** to the government of the time, led by **Mr. Ariel Henry**.

Unfortunately, despite exchanges with the Prime Minister's office and official correspondence expressing intent to receive the vehicles, **the project remained without follow-up**.



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But we never gave up.

In **2024**, we relaunched the initiative by sending an official letter to the **CPT** and to the current Prime Minister, **Mr. Alix Didier Fils Aimé**.

The Prime Minister's office quickly confirmed their interest.

Shortly after, the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** contacted us to organize an inspection of the emergency vehicles.

It was the **Consul General of Haiti in Montreal, Mr. Anès Lubin**, who personally visited our warehouse to inspect the **fire trucks** and **ambulances**.

Following this inspection, the **Ministry of Finance** played a key role in finalizing the process, facilitating the administrative and logistical procedures required to ship this donation to Haiti.

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## A gesture from the heart

We had initially planned to send **10 fire trucks**.

But we decided to add **2 more**, for symbolic and personal reasons.

**Nap soulinyé sa bien klè :**

**Gen 2 kamyon ponpye an plis ki ap rantre nan kagezon an – sa bay total 12 kamyon.**

- **1 for Gonaïves**, the cradle of Haiti's independence.
  - **1 for Jacmel**, where the mother of my children is from, and where my own roots are.
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## The Key Figures

- **12 fire trucks**
- **10 ambulances**
- Specialized equipment for first responders

The total value of this donation exceeds **3.1 million US dollars**.

The transport is jointly covered by **CPSOTA** and the **Haitian Treasury**.





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## A clear message:

**Nou pa ni pou Jacques, ni pou Pierre.  
Nou pa nan politik.  
Nou la pou ede pèp Ayisyen.**

Our mission is simple: to help Haiti better face emergencies.

So that firefighters no longer have to put out fires with buckets –

**Fòk nou sispann éte dife ak bokittt !**

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## Conclusion

These vehicles will embark this very week.  
They will set sail in a few hours, heading for Haiti.

But for us, this is not the end. It is the beginning of a new chapter.

We will continue to help Haiti, **san pati pri**, san kondisyon, ak lanmou.

**Bagay piti pa chich.  
Nap kontinye ede Ayiti san pran pòz.**

Mèsi anpil.  
Thank you to all those who made this possible.

Harold Turnier

President

