



2025
Medal of Bravery
Recipients



*Gerrid Hunt
of Lower Sackville*

On January 11, 2025, Gerrid Hunt was alerted by his daughter that their neighbour's home was on fire. When Mr. Hunt learned that a man and three children were still inside, he entered the smoke-filled home on his hands and knees, feeling around until he found an unconscious man who he was able to drag to safety. The man, his wife and a young child survived; tragically, three other children did not. The Hunt family also lost their home in the blaze.



*Richard MacPhee
of Boularderie*



*Ryan O'Shea
of Sydney*



*Scott Rafuse
of Sydney*

On February 14, 2025, Richard MacPhee, Ryan O'Shea and Scott Rafuse learned that two fellow snowmobilers had not returned from a trip in the Cape Breton Highlands. With conditions deteriorating and knowing the trails, they decided to search that evening. They found one of the men after a difficult search and assisted him until he was able to get to safety. They later joined the major search-and-rescue operation that was underway and helped find the other man.



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January 15, 2026, Premier Tim Houston, Attorney General and Justice Minister Scott Armstrong and Mr. Tom Steele, Medal of Bravery Advisory Committee Chairperson awarded the Province's highest recognition for bravery to four deserving Nova Scotians.

From left, Premier Tim Houston; medal recipients Gerrid Hunt, Richard MacPhee, Ryan O'Shea and Scott Rafuse; Tom Steele, Chair, Medal of Bravery Advisory Committee; and Attorney General and Justice Minister Scott Armstrong.