

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2010

VERE SOMERSET

It is with great pleasure that we present the “Citizen of the Year Award” for 2010 to Vere Somerset,

Vere has been a valuable contributor to the quality of life and safety of the people of Port Sydney and Utterson for many years. He is presently in his 54th year as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Town of Huntsville with Fire Station #3, Port Sydney. He joined the Port Sydney Fire Department in March 1957 and to this day is still a valuable member of our Fire Department. The Port Sydney Fire Department moved into the new Fire Hall at 397 South Mary Lake Road recently and this will be the 3rd location Vere has responded from in Port Sydney. Vere’s father (Lionel) and his two brothers (John & Cyrle) were also long term members of the local Fire Department.

Vere also served on the Port Sydney Search & Rescue Team from 1957 until the late 1960’s. He is a Sidesman and long time member of Christ Anglican Church and served on the Stephenson Cemetery Board from 1980 until 2008 and began doing cemetery maintenance in 1994.

Vere has made an incredible commitment to this community during his 54 years of volunteer work and his dedication is very much appreciated by everyone. He has gone more than ‘the extra mile’ and is very deserving of this honour.

Congratulations to Vere on receiving this award.

The Port Sydney/Utterson & Area chamber of Commerce