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Ottawa Fire Services Fire Fighters Launch Challenge to First Responders

Ottawa – On Friday June 21st, a team of OFS fire fighters called Team Shrek pulled a 12 tonne pumper fire truck 100 feet in front of the students and staff of St. John of Assisi School. They concluded their demonstration by launching a challenge to other first responders: compete in the *Shawn Mathieson First Responder Challenge* and beat Team Shrek's pull time.

Team Shrek announced the *Shawn Mathieson First Responder Challenge* in honour of a late fire fighter from Ottawa Fire Services. It will be featured at the second annual OTTAWA FIRE TRUCK PULL on Saturday October 19th.

The launch was an opportunity to show their strength and preparation for this fall's OTTAWA FIRE TRUCK PULL. At last year's event, Team Shrek pulled the fire truck 100 feet in 19.51 seconds and they won multiple awards, including the Best Overall Team Award.

The OTTAWA FIRE TRUCK PULL is free to attend. Teams commit to raising at least \$1,000 in charitable donations for their participation.

Registration is now open. You don't have to be a fire fighter to enter, but you can dress like one if you'd like. The OTTAWA FIRE TRUCK PULL is shortly before Halloween.

All proceeds from this event will support the nearly 10,000 people with epilepsy in the region.

The OTTAWA FIRE TRUCK PULL is presented in support of Epilepsy Ottawa and in collaboration with Ottawa Fire Services.

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