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ONE NIGHT FOR HAITI – OVERT / CANISAR

Volunteer team consisting of Durham Police, EMS and Civilians will be deployed to Haiti.

On Friday January 7th, OVERT is holding a fundraiser to support their disaster response team's (CANISAR) upcoming trip to Haiti; to provide water purification tablets and equipment to the effected regions. The team has already deployed to Haiti in the past as well as to Peru (Earthquake 2007) and Indonesia (Earthquake 2009).

Since mid-October the people of Haiti have been suffering from a Cholera epidemic stemming back to last year's massive earthquake. So far at least 2000 have died from this disease.

Little or no help is getting to the affected people and as every day goes by, more and more are getting ill and dying.

The team has been working with in-country agencies and two Durham Region Police officers who have served in Haiti as UN police officers. The in-country partners have identified a clinic and orphanage in the area of St. Marc which is in the middle of the affected area. The team will respond with much needed water purification equipment with trained personnel to set up the equipment and train the clinic staff on how to operate it.

Local Durham Region Paramedics will also deploy alongside the water team to assist the clinic's doctor and staff with patient treatment for those fighting for their lives.

FUNDRAISER:

On January 7th 2011, a fundraising event will be held at HEAT nightclub in Whitby to raise necessary funds to send the team to Haiti. The night will consist of live entertainment as well as a meet and greet with the team. Entertainment will be provided by Two for the Show. This will be a night of great music, laughs and company, all to benefit those in another community who need our help.

ABOUT OVERT / CANISAR

OVERT is the Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team – a registered charity operating out of Durham Region. Overt consists of a group of highly trained Search and Rescue personnel who at a moment's notice are deployed to any local disaster

CANISAR (Canadian International Search and Rescue) is the new international arm of OVERT operating all over the world during times of disaster.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

Members of the media are invited to attend the fundraising event. Team members who have deployed in the past and who will deploy on this mission will be on hand for interviews and photo-ops.

Location: Heat Nightclub – 129 Brock Street North, Whitby

Date: January 7th 2011

Time: 9PM – 2AM

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