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Essar Steel Algoma Emergency Response Officers Qualify for Scott Firefit Nationals

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario – On July 2nd, two of Essar’s own Emergency Response Officers participated in a world class, national fitness competition in Dorchester, Ontario. Even though they were Firefit rookies, Adam Vallee and David Kochanowski excelled under pressure. The duo placed 6th overall, won the award for Best Rookie Team and qualified for the nationals in Medicine Hat, Alberta in September.

The Scott Firefit Championship is a fitness event that challenges Emergency Services professionals to exceed their own limits of technical fitness. The competition combines extreme fitness challenges along with firefighting techniques. The duo competed in six grueling tasks as a part of the competition:

- Stair Climb with High Rise Pack
- Hose Hoist
- Forcible Entry
- Run
- Hose Advance
- Victim Rescue

Competitors come from as far away as the United States, New Zealand, and England. The first Firefit competition occurred in 1994 in Vancouver and the competition continues to grow in popularity each year.

Essar Steel Algoma CEO Jim Hrusovsky commends the officers on their performance, noting, “Everyone at Essar is exceptionally proud of Adam and David’s debut results. Their demonstrated skilled knowledge and conditioning is commendable and a great example of the Essar spirit.”



A member of the Essar Group, Essar Steel Algoma Inc. is based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. As a fully integrated steel producer, the Company derives its revenues primarily from the manufacture and sale of hot and cold rolled steel products including sheet and plate.

Attached Image: Adam Vallee and David Kochanowski, Essar Steel Algoma Emergency Response Officers at the Scott Firefit Championships.

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