



YOUR SKILLS,  
YOUR FUTURE.

JUSTICE,  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
& EMERGENCY  
SERVICES



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



# What's a SHSM?

- Specialist High Skills Major
- Allows students to explore career goals and experience specialized training
- **9-1-1 specialists** main focus:
  - **Police**
  - **Firefighting**
  - **Paramedic**
  - **Military**

## Sir Robert Borden HS

1,642 Tweets

Sir Robert Borden HS @SRB\_news · 4h

Evan McDonald (far right), Emergency Services SHSM student, volunteer with the OFS. Emergency Services SHSM is designed for students who are interested in future careers in Police, Fire, Paramedics, or the Canadian Armed Forces. Talk to your guidance counselor to learn more!

OPFFA Local 162 🇨🇦 @OPFFALocal\_162 · Sep 25

Our members are in the ByWard Market until 2:00pm today, volunteering their off-duty time to #filltheboot for @MD\_Canada!

Please stop by to donate in-person OR support our campaign online [muscle.akaraisin.com/ui/filltheboot...](https://muscle.akaraisin.com/ui/filltheboot...)

@ctvottawa @SandraKiss1053 @boomottawa @CBCOttawa @OttFire





## Other careers include:

- **Communications Officer**
- **Bodyguard**
- **Correctional Officer**
- **Court Clerk**
- **Court Services Officer**
- **Criminal Psychologist**
- **Criminologist**
- **Customs Officer**
- **Emergency Services Dispatcher**
- **Forest Fire Officer**
- **Infantry Soldier**
- **Intelligence Officer**
- **Medic**
- **Mercenary**
- **Military Officer**
- **Military Police**
- **Municipal Law Enforcement Officer**
- **Paralegal**
- **Paramedic**
- **Parole Officer**
- **Private Investigator**
- **Probation Officer**
- **Search and Rescue Technician**
- **Security Manager**
- **Social Program Officer**
- **Social Worker**
- **Youth Worker – Corrections**
- **More...**





# What do we do in SHSM?

- **1/3 Theory/Academic**
  - Learn more about your preferred service
- **1/3 Experiential learning**
  - Learning by doing!
- **1/3 Fitness**
  - Emergency Services physical ability test prep (PIN, CPAT, FORCES, OPPAT, etc...)





# SHSM: Training & Certifications

*Taught by outside experts!*

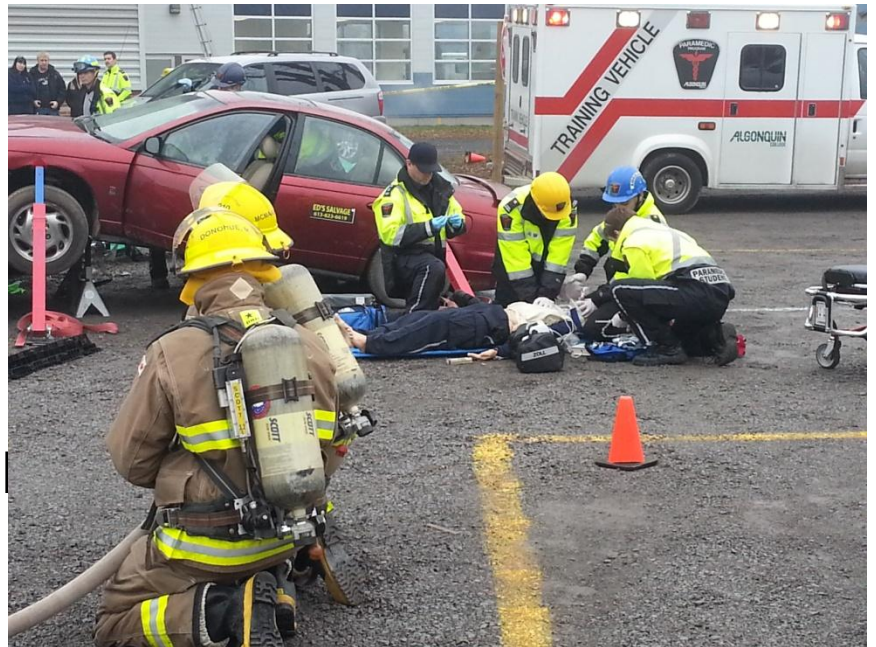
- **First Aid**
- **GPS & Navigation**
- **WHMIS**
- **Radio Communication**
- **Pleasure Craft Licence**
- **Conflict Resolution**
- **Self-Defense**
- **Obstacle Course**





# SHSM Field Trips

- ▣ Search and Rescue
- ▣ Algonquin College
- ▣ Carleton University
- ▣ Firefighter
- ▣ Police Station
- ▣ Fitness Facilities
- ▣ Paramedic Headquarters
- ▣ Navigation
- ▣ OCR Academy





# SHSM Guest Speakers

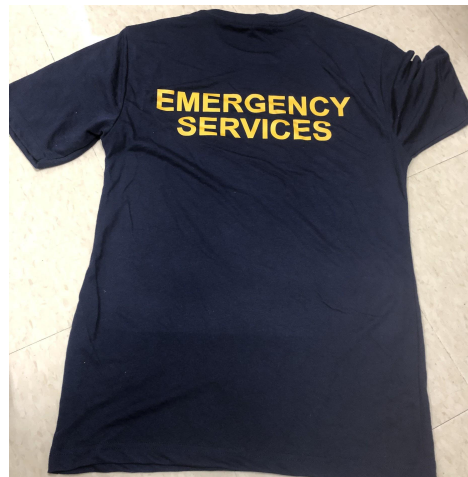
- ❑ Ottawa Fire
- ❑ Police Officers (OPS, RCMP, OPP)
- ❑ CAF (Military)
- ❑ Paramedic





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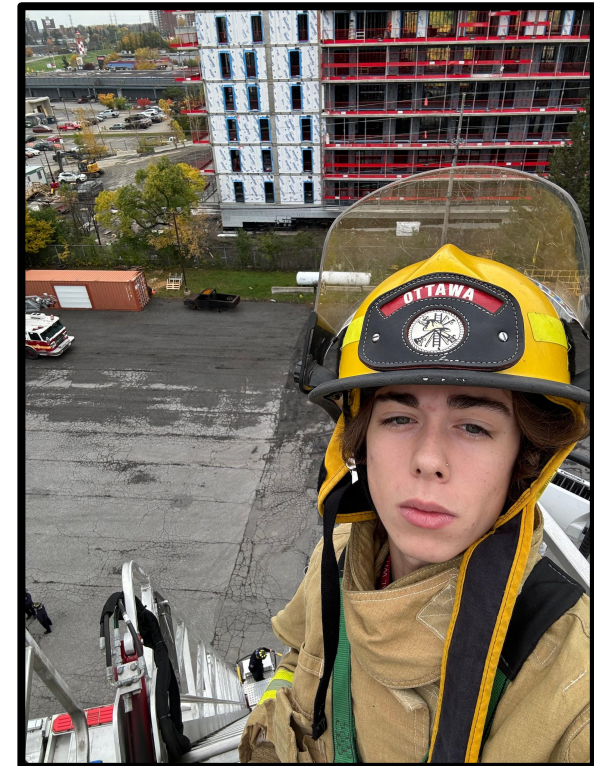
- Hoodies
- T-Shirts
- SHSM Bags
- Fitness Gear
- Water Bottles
- More???





# Key Elements

- **SHSM Courses:**
  - IDC3O and IDC4O/U
- **Coop (2 Credits)**
- **Certifications:**
  - 4 Mandatory
  - 3 Elective
- **Sector Partners Experiences**
- **Reach Ahead Experiences**
- **Career Exploration**





# Why does SHSM matter?

- You are rewarded with a **SHSM specialist diploma**
- **Valuable experience and certifications** that look great on a resume
- **Make Connections** in the industry
- **Less time at a desk,** more time doing stuff



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Diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario

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Dated at  
Déposé à **Toronto Ontario Canada**

the  
ce **20th** day of  
jour de **October 1, 2007**

*signature*  
Minister of Education/Ministre de l'Éducation  
*signature*  
Principal of School/Directeur ou directrice de l'école



# Student Experiences

- *"I honestly just really liked this class and looked forward to it everyday and there isn't anything I would change to make it better. It was so much fun, thank you for this semester."*
- *"I believe the certifications were definitely extremely helpful in helping me fulfill my chances of becoming a firefighter. Every trip we did I thoroughly enjoyed and it was so much fun in seeing the different environments."*
- *"It's so fun! you get the opportunity to go on field trips, see things, learn things, talk to people who are actually in the field that you're interested in, and meet new people. I think this is the class that's helped me make the most friends since high school."*



# Questions?



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