

Toronto Fire Services
Operations Recruit Graduation Ceremony
Deputy Mayor Thompson
March 29, 2019

Good afternoon.

Thank you for having me. It is a pleasure to be here with you as you celebrate your accomplishments and prepare to embark on your new careers within the Toronto Fire Services.

You have chosen a field that is physically and emotionally demanding and that requires you to put your life on the line in order to preserve the safety of our city and its residents.

For this I extend my sincerest gratitude. Toronto is one of the safest cities in the world because we have some of the best firefighters, police officers and paramedics around.

Earlier this month, this sentiment was recognized internationally by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International making the City of Toronto the largest city with an accredited fire service in North America.

This is no small feat and now each of you are a part of an elite team of exceptional professionals.

I congratulate each of you for your success thus far and I know you will go on to achieve great things within the Toronto Fire Services.

I extend my congratulations to your friends, family and loved ones here with you today who I am sure, supported you every step of the way. This day is also for them.

I wish you all safe and fulfilling careers. I know you will carry out your duties with the utmost courage and selfless determination to protect the residents of Toronto.

Thank you.