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Totten Mine Rescue Statement from Prevention Council

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Ontario's Prevention Council Chair released the following statement today:

Ontario Mine Rescue (OMR) teams provide essential services to support emergency preparedness to the Mining Industry across the province. Through risk assessments, OMR teams are cognizant and trained in hazardous scenarios that can occur during adverse events specific to the mining industry.

In the incident at Totten Mine in Greater Sudbury last month where the mine's primary egress became compromised, the services of the OMR team were enlisted to assist in facilitating a planned evacuation of 39 individuals.

The Prevention Council (PC) is pleased that the services and assistance of the OMR were readily available to facilitate the safe exit from the workplace. This event displays the collaborative risk mitigation and emergency preparedness that is unique to the Ontario Mining Sector in its collaborative approach to support and encourage the safety and well-being of its industry.

Quick Facts

- In 2021, the Ontario Government increased funding for the OMR program by \$2.85M.
 - The government's \$8.1M total investment in Workplace Safety North's (WSN) OMR and LiUNA Local 183 Training Center's Tunnel Rescue training program supports the mining sector by training mine rescue crew members to ensure that each person is competent to perform and physically capable of performing the functions of a mine rescue, to keep themselves and others safe during emergency response operations.
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