



8 Wing CFB Trenton

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) operates the majority of its fixed-wing tactical airlift and all of its strategic airlift aircraft from 8 Wing/Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton. And, this year, 8 Wing is planning on hosting the Quinte International Airshow (QIAS) on June 25 & 26, 2016.

8 Wing operates several transport aircraft types, which includes: the CC-130 Hercules, CC-150 Polaris, CC-177 Globemaster III as well as the CH-146 Griffon search and rescue helicopters, and the CC-144 Challenger VIP transport aircraft. The Challenger fleet is used to fly the Governor General, the Prime Minister and members of the federal Cabinet. This lodger unit is based at Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport.

CFB Trenton plays a key support role for the National Search and Rescue Program, being home to Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Trenton (JRCC Trenton), which is jointly staffed by the RCAF and Canadian Coast Guard personnel who have responsibility for coordinating aircraft and marine rescue incidents in central and Arctic Canada.

In addition, the Canadian Army operates the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre, which is also a lodger unit, formerly known as the Canadian Parachute Centre.

CURRENT SQUADRONS UNDER 8 WING INCLUDE:

- 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron (424 Tiger Squadron)
– Flying the CC-130E/H Hercules and CH-146 Griffon
- 426 Transport Training Squadron
– Training for CC-130J Hercules and CC-150 Airbus
- 429 Transport Squadron
– Flying the CC-177 Globemaster III
- 436 Transport Squadron
– Flying the CC-130J Hercules
- 437 Transport Squadron
– Flying the CC-150 Polaris Airbus
- 412 Transport Squadron
– Flying the CC-144 Challenger (Ottawa, ON)
- 2 Air Movements Squadron (2 Air Mov Sqn)
- 8 Air Maintenance Squadron (8 AMS)





Hangar 1, state-of-the-art maintenance facility for the CC-177 Globemaster III, was recently constructed. Another maintenance facility for the strategic airlift fleet, Hangar 6 along Highway 2, is currently under construction.

The current Wing Commander is Colonel Colin R. Keiver, MSM, CD, who assumed his duties on August 2015. The Wing Chief Warrant Officer is Darcy S. Elder, MSM, CD.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE QUINTE WEST COMMUNITY

Currently there are approximately 3,200 Regular Force, 600 Reserve Force and 500 civilian members who make-up the workforce at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Living in many of the communities located in the Quinte Region, members and their families comprise many of the 43,000 City of Quinte West and 50,000 City of Belleville residents. 8 Wing is the largest employer in the Quinte Region with an annual payroll of more than \$110 Million, creating a significant economic impact in the local economy.



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