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AGCO Award for Outstanding Investigation Criteria

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Every day, offences related to the alcohol, gaming, horse racing and cannabis retail sectors threaten public safety across Ontario. Often, it is only through the diligence of attending police officers who connect such occurrences to certain individuals and corporations, ensuring they are held accountable for their actions and resulting in a negative impact on public safety.

Police officers also work closely with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), the provincial agency responsible for regulating these sectors through the administration of the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019, the Gaming Control Act, 1992, the Horse Racing Licence Act, 2015 and the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018.

The original Award for Outstanding Liquor Enforcement, previously awarded annually by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and sponsored by the AGCO, was paused temporarily. It is being relaunched this year and expanded to include investigative/enforcement work conducted in the alcohol, gaming, horse racing and cannabis retail sectors. The award has been renamed the AGCO Award for Outstanding Investigation. It will be presented to the police agency, demonstrating excellence and innovation through their work in one or more of the four sectors. All Police Services and Law Enforcement Agencies conducting investigations in Ontario are eligible for this award.

The award will be presented at the OACP 2026 Annual Conference on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The recipient will be invited to attend the Awards and Life Members Luncheon, during which the award will be formally conferred. The recipient will also receive an engraved plaque in recognition of this achievement.

- Note: Award information is also posted on the [OACP website](#).

How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations for the “AGCO Award for Outstanding Investigation” must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for email distribution to Sharon Seepersad at sharons@oacp.ca. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions must be received no later than **Thursday, March 26th, 2026**.

All nominations for the “AGCO Award for Outstanding Investigation” must include the following:

- Nominator/nominee information (full name, rank/title, police organization, phone number, and email address).
- Must be endorsed or supported by the Chief of Police, Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, or Designate.
- 500-word narrative describing why the nominated individual/organization should be considered for this award.

Optional Video

If deemed necessary, a 60-second or shorter video can be submitted to support the nomination.

Judging and Selection Criteria

The OACP Alcohol and Gaming Committee will review submissions for the AGCO Award for Outstanding Investigation, and the final selection will be made by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee.

The nomination should detail how the enforcement agency has increased efforts with regard to the enforcement of the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019, the Gaming Control Act, 1992, the Horse Racing Licence Act, 2015 and/or the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018. When describing particular enforcement programs, include details of the initiative's inception through its development, design and implementation stages, and conclude by documenting its impact on community safety. Statistical data that clearly indicate the initiative's measurable success should be reported. The nomination should also address whether the project is a one-time initiative or a sustainable, ongoing program that may enjoy success for years.

Many successful enforcement programs combine enforcement activities with an educational component; the nomination report should also discuss how these activities were combined.

The following criteria will be used to assess the submissions:

Innovative approach

Creates a new, forward-thinking initiative which enhances public safety and increases lawful compliance by the public and licensees.

Impact on community safety and satisfaction

There has been a measurable or perceived improvement in the community due to these efforts.

Overall quality of the submission

The nomination is clear, concise, and follows a logical path outlining the efforts and/or initiative in its entirety. Consideration will also be given to the impression left with the reviewing panel regarding the agency's success.

Rules

- All nominations must be endorsed by the submitting organization’s Chief of Police, Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, or Designate.
- Only one nomination per organization will be accepted.
- All nominations must be received on or before **Thursday, March 26th, 2026**.
- Nominations must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for transmission via email. It is optional, but you can provide a 60-second or less video that supports the nomination.
- Nominations must not exceed 500 words.
- All materials and information submitted as part of the nomination become the property of the OACP and will not be returned.
- One winning entry will be selected in each sub-category. Up to two other entries will be selected in each category to receive “Certificates of Merit”.
- Only members of Police Services and Law Enforcement Agencies conducting investigations in Ontario may be considered for this award.
- Only one (1) organization will receive this award annually.
- Previous winners of the award are not eligible to apply. Nominations will be accepted on behalf of members of agencies who have received “Certificates of Merit” in past years.
- Although somewhat flexible, the bulk of the activities associated with the work/initiative should have occurred during the year prior to the submission deadline date. It is recognized that some initiatives take longer than 1 year to develop, implement, and deliver measurable impact. Nomination reports should discuss the timing of the initiative and why it has been submitted for consideration at this time.
- OACP reserves the right to utilize any portion of any award submission for publication purposes.
- The winner may be required to provide additional information, such as photos, for the OACP Award Videos.