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# Award of Excellence in Community Safety, Wellness, and Crime Prevention

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## **Award of Excellence in Community Safety, Wellness, and Crime Prevention**

This award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of policing organizations and their community partners working together to improve community safety and well-being. Award winners will demonstrate their commitment to and understanding of Ontario's Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing and identify how they have collaborated with their community to address an area of concern or situation of elevated risk within the community. The subject project need not be complete, nor does it have to have been initiated with this model. The submission should, however, demonstrate how the project fits within the framework of the model and enhances community safety and well-being.

Awarded annually by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and sponsored by Accident Support Services International Ltd., the "Award of Excellence in Community Safety, Wellness, and Crime Prevention" will be presented to a campaign/initiative from a policing organization or community partner who has clearly demonstrated openness, transparency, trust, and respect in the relationship between police and their community partners.

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 “*Award of Excellence in Community Safety, Wellness, and Crime Prevention*” must be submitted electronically in a format suitable for email distribution to Sharon Seepersad at [sharons@oacp.ca](mailto:sharons@oacp.ca). Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions must be received no later than **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

All nominations for the “*Award of Excellence in Community Safety, Wellness, and Crime Prevention*” 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.

# The Nomination Report

The nomination should detail the campaign/initiative undertaken by the policing organization. Such as what has been done to promote community safety and crime prevention within the organization and the community, and what has been done to promote Ontario's Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing?

Provide information that supports an issue(s) or problem that existed within the community and required a crime prevention initiative/strategy utilizing the Ontario Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing.

- a. Describe the nature of the issue or problem.
- b. Explain what steps were taken to identify the issue or problem.
- c. Detail what efforts were taken with the community to identify and assess the social development and situational measures of the community by explaining the following:
  - i. If the issue was situational, what target hardening techniques were used
  - ii. If the issue was due to social development issues, what approaches were utilized to reduce factors that place people at risk for criminal activity?
  - iii. What were the results of the assessment?

Describe in detail the key elements of the initiative being submitted for consideration. Please address the following:

- a. What action plan was developed to address the issue or problem?
- b. What community partners were involved, and what were their roles?
- c. What were the specific objectives and goals of the plan, and what are the performance measures indicators?
- d. Describe the various roles and responsibilities of all those involved.
- e. Describe movement along the model's continuum. If no movement was noted, explain the reasons why.
- f. Address the three rings of the model specifically (see Community Policing Model attached):
  - (i) Who led when and why?
  - (ii) Which crime prevention measures were employed and why?
  - (iii) What were the problem-solving initiatives?

Provide a clear assessment of the success of the crime prevention initiative through all phases by outlining the results and lessons learned, identifying any new partnerships created along the way, describing the sustainability of the solution(s), and explaining how the results were evaluated and measured.

# Judging and Selection Criteria

Submissions for the “Award of Excellence in Community Safety, Wellness, and Crime Prevention” will be reviewed by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee with input from the Chair of the OACP Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

The following criteria will be used to judge the nominations:

## **Language**

Clarity and succinctness.

## **Model**

Adherence to principles, application, and definitions of Ontario’s Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing.

## **Partnering**

Demonstration of openness, transparency, trust, and respect in the relationship between police and their community partners.

## **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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.
- Nominations must be submitted electronically in a 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.
- Only one (1) organization will receive this award annually.
- Nominees can be civilians, serving police officers, or community partners. Nominations can be made on behalf of retired officers or civilians.
- 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.