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# OACP Excellence in Information Technology Services Award

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## **OACP Excellence in Information Technology Services Award**

This award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of policing organizations and community partners that have used/leveraged technology in the development and introduction of a significant change that proved to be “a game changer” for the organization and/or the policing community.

Award winners must identify the project/initiatives, describe the project and outcomes in detail, and clearly demonstrate what is new about the technology used with the project and the impact this project has had to date on the community.

The Excellence in Information Technology Award will be presented to the policing organization or community partner that demonstrates excellence in the implementation/usage of new technology. All Ontario policing organizations 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 “*Excellence in Information Technology Services Award*” 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 “*Excellence in Information Technology Services Award*” 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 report should detail how the policing organization or community partner has used/leveraged technology in the development and introduction of a significant change for the organization and/or the policing community.

When describing a particular program/initiative, include details of the initiative from its inception through its development, design, and implementation stages, and conclude by documenting its impact on the organization and/or the policing community. 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 is a sustainable, ongoing program that may enjoy success for years to come.

# Judging and Selection Criteria

Submissions for the “Excellence in Information Technology/Services Award” will be reviewed by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee.

The following criteria will be used to assess the nominations:

**Innovative Approach** - Creates a new, forward-thinking initiative that enhances the organization’s internal and external efficiency.

**Impact Upon Community Safety and Satisfaction** - Has a measurable or perceived improvement in the community resulted from these efforts?

**Overall Quality of the Submission** - The nominations should be clear and concise and follow a logical path outlining the efforts and/or initiative in their entirety. Consideration will also be given to the impression left by 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 of the nominee(s).
- All materials and information submitted as part of the nomination become the property of the OACP and will not be returned.
- Only members of an Ontario policing organization or community safety partner may be considered for this award.
- 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.
- The OACP reserves the right to utilize any portion of any award submission for publication purposes.