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OACP Excellence in Leadership Award

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This award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of a member of a policing organization who consistently demonstrates outstanding engagement and achievement within their organization and their community in terms of leadership.

Awarded annually by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and sponsored by Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, the Excellence in Leadership Award will be presented to a member of a police service who demonstrates leadership within their organization and community.

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 Leadership Award*” must be submitted electronically in a 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 “Excellence in Leadership 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.

Judging and Selection Criteria

Submissions for the “Excellence in Leadership Award” will be reviewed by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee.

The following criteria will be used to judge the nominations:

1. Communication
2. Judgement
3. Clarity of thought
4. Integrity
5. Commitment

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 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.