



Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

Presents the

“Traffic Safety - Award of Excellence”

Sponsored by the CAA South Central Ontario



“Traffic crimes cost society more, devastate more Ontario families, and inflict more physical insult than all other crimes combined.”

Police services and partners/stakeholders in traffic employ a policy of moving their members throughout the organization in an attempt to broaden their expertise and career opportunities. It is becoming rarer for an officer or civilian to remain in any one branch or unit to be considered as a “life-long leader” in the field. Traffic is no exception and despite a brief tenure in the field of traffic safety, there are individuals who through their commitment and dedication in the areas of Community, Education, Awareness or even Enforcement have made a significant contribution to traffic safety.

These individuals display a tireless dedication and a never-ending devotion to their pursuit of ensuring the public’s safety on our highways. This commitment is shown throughout their career and involves the development of strategic partnerships, championing new solutions or ensuring effective educational or enforcement activities both within the policing profession, as a key stakeholder, external partner or advocate within their communities.

Awarded annually by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and sponsored by the CAA South Central Ontario, the *“Traffic Safety – Award of Excellence”* will be presented to a serving individual who has clearly devoted part of their career dedicated to furthering traffic safety initiatives. One recipient will be selected annually to receive this prestigious award.

The OACP Awards will be awarded to the successful police organization and/or police personnel at the OACP’s Annual Conference held in June of each year.

For further information on the submission process and criteria, please see the following appendices:

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Appendix A: How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations for the *“Traffic Safety - Award of Excellence”* must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for distribution by email.

Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

Please ensure that the subject line of your email indicates which OACP Award nomination you are submitting for, and that you’ve attached the completed Award Nomination form.

One award nomination per email, please.

Nominations, which have been approved for submission by a Chief/Commissioner or their designate, can be submitted to Melissa Mascarin at mmascarin@oacp.ca.

Appendix B: Judging and Selection Criteria

Submissions for the *“Traffic Safety-Award of Excellence”* will be reviewed by the OACP Traffic Committee and the final selection will be made by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee.

The following criteria will be used to judge the nominations:

The “Nomination Report”:

This report details that aspect of the nominee’s career dedicated to traffic safety concerns. Unlike the *“Lifetime Achievement in Traffic Safety”* Award, the recipient of this Award will have spent some identifiable time in the field of traffic safety short of a duration considered to be *“a career”*. Items such as championing enforcement programs, proving leadership through mentoring and educational pursuits, and taking action to address specific community concerns, should be highlighted. This report must clearly prove a specific dedication over a period of time showing determined and dedicated efforts to improving the level of highway safety in the nominee’s sphere of influence or community.

Please ensure that your nomination report/form addresses the following:

1. **Defined period of commitment to Traffic Safety**

The nominee has clearly proven a dedicated commitment to traffic safety issues throughout a specified part of their career. Recognition of the nominee’s efforts should be detailed.

2. **Mentoring and Teaching**

The nominee has dedicated him/herself to traffic safety excellence by mentoring, supporting, and teaching others. These efforts have been directed at both the community the nominee serves and/or the policing profession.

3. **Effective and Innovative Use of Enforcement or Educational Activities**

The nominee has undertaken a variety of enforcement or educational activities in an attempt to address a wide range of traffic safety issues.

4. A Bias for Addressing Community Concerns

The nominee has displayed a genuine involvement and sense of partnership with community or other key traffic safety stakeholders. The nominee has consistently proven that they will take effective action to address and communicate their traffic safety concerns.

5. Impact

The nomination submission should clearly prove the extent of the nominee's impact on traffic safety issues. Results achieved across various communities, provincially or federally will be of particular interest.

Appendix C: Rules

1. All nominations must be endorsed by the submitting organization's Civilian Manager, Commissioner, and Chief of Police or designate.
2. Only one nomination per organization will be accepted.
3. All nominations must be received on or before the date set by the OACP office.
4. Nominations must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for transmission via email.
5. Nominations for the OACP Awards must not exceed 500 words maximum.
6. All materials and information submitted as part of the nomination become the property of the OACP and will not be returned.
7. Only one (1) civilian or police officer will receive this award annually.
8. Previous winners of the award are not eligible to apply. Nominations will be accepted on behalf of officers OR civilian members who have received "Certificates of Merit" in past years.
9. The OACP reserves the right to utilize any portion of any award submission for purposes of publication.
10. The winner of the OACP Awards will be required to provide additional information (photos etc.) for the OACP Award Videos.