



Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

presents the

Innovation Information Technology Award

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This award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of police agencies who 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 police service.

Awarded annually by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and sponsored by Magnet Forensics, the *Innovation Information Technology Award* will be presented to the police agency which demonstrate excellence in the implementation/usage of new technology. All Ontario police services and OPP detachments are eligible for this award.

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The Award submission deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Appendix A: How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations for the *Innovation Information Technology Award* 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 have 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, may be submitted to Melissa Mascarin (mmascarin@oacp.ca) via email by no later than **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Appendix B: Selection Criteria

Submissions for the *Innovation Information Technology Award* will be reviewed 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:

The nomination report should detail how the police agency who have used/leveraged technology in the development and introduction of a significant change for the organization and/or the policing community.

When describing program/initiative, include details of the initiative from its inception, through its development, design and implementation stages, and conclude by documenting its impact for 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.

The following criteria will be used to assess the submissions:

1. Innovative Approach

Creates a new, forward thinking initiative which enhances enhance the organizations efficiency, internally and or externally.

2. Impact Upon Community Safety and Satisfaction

Has a measurable or perceived improvement in the community as a result of these efforts?

3. Overall Quality of the Submission

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

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 **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
4. Nominations must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for transmission via email.
5. Nominations for the 2021 OACP Awards must not exceed 500 words maximum.
6. All materials and information submitted as part of the nomination become the property of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police 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 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police reserves the right to utilize any portion of any award submission for purposes of publication.
10. The winner of the 2021 OACP Awards will be required to provide additional information (photos etc. for the OACP Award Videos)

Appendix D: Presentation of this Award

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty as to when it will be safe and appropriate to gather in-person in 2021, the OACP Award presentations will move to a predominantly online format. The OACP will be announcing the recipients of the 2021 OACP Awards via our website and official social media channels ([Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)) during Police Week.

Following those announcements, the OACP will coordinate with the Chief/Commissioner of the award recipients to ensure the recipients are presented with their award at an in-person event in their respective communities.