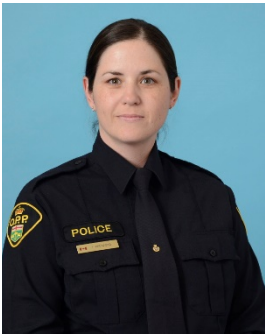


Media Release

Detective Sergeant Jodi Peckford and Detective Sergeant Roger Gagne of the Ontario Provincial Police Honoured with the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award

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(Toronto, ON) – Detective Sergeant Jodi Peckford and Detective Sergeant Roger Gagne of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are the recipients of the 2020 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police’s (OACP) Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award, sponsored by Accident Support Service International Ltd. This award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of a police organization and its community partners working together to improve community safety and well-being. Detective Sergeant Peckford and Detective Sergeant Gagne are being recognized for their leadership in this important area of policing.



The OPP’s North West Region is a vast geographical area. Due to the area’s dispersed population, resources for victims of crime and victims of sexual offences in particular are often limited or even non-existent.

In 2017, Detective Sergeant Peckford and Detective Sergeant Gagne spearheaded discussions with 16 senior level managers from agencies across the North West Region who have direct contact with individuals impacted by sexual offences. The goal was to reduce barriers and improve access to information and resources for survivors of these crimes. The result was the development of a unique website, www.1istoomany.ca, a single access point for sexual offence survivors. The website is available in three languages – English, French, and Ojibway – and contains information on specific programs in different coverage areas.

The development of the website and its use over the past two years has proven to be a valuable resource for survivors of sexual violence in Northern Ontario.

“Community safety and crime prevention are priorities for all police organizations in Ontario. It is always a pleasure to recognize the outstanding efforts of our police organizations and their members in this area of law enforcement. The outstanding work of Detective Sergeant Peckford and Detective Sergeant Gagne is a testimony to the dedication and commitment of the OPP and all police services to the communities they serve. We congratulate them for their efforts in making a real difference in the lives of the people they serve.” – Chief Andrew Fletcher, Chair of the OACP Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

[2020 OACP Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award Video](#)



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