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The Ontario Provincial Police to be Honoured With Inaugural OACP Innovation Information Technology Award for its Provincial Operations Centre

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(Toronto, ON) – Ontario’s police leaders have named the Ontario Province Police’s (OPP) Provincial Operations Centre (POC) as the inaugural winner of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police’s (OACP) Innovation Information Technology Award. The award will be presented at the OACP’s 2018 Annual Meeting taking place June 10-13 in Huntsville, ON.

“Technology and innovation are critical factors in the success of our police services today,” said OACP President Chief Bryan Larkin. “We are proud to recognize the achievements of the OPP in the designing and development of the POC. The Centre is helping our Provincial service handle the need for effective handling of information and communications in a highly efficient manner.”

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.

A Provincial Operations Centre Design and Development Team was tasked with creating a modernized, real-time provincial operations centre that would:

- Provide a central communications linkage;
- Manage and analyze current information;
- Track provincial operations 24/7/365; and
- Provide timely information to allow for an efficient and effective strategic senior management response.

In operation since October 2016, the POC provides situational awareness in one location for senior executives, OPP personnel, government agencies, and police services, allowing for efficient communication during large scale emergencies or events. The POC incorporated innovative technology, which streamlines information, collection, and distribution, improved analytics, risk assessment, and deployment of specialized OPP resources. The facility itself was designed to provide staff members with a modern safe, spacious, healthy work environment.

While enhancing Police Officer safety and improving efficient proactive deployment strategies, the POC also provides accountability and transparency through collaborative planning and coordination of all day-to-day policing operations.

This annual award is made possible by the generous support of Magnet Forensics.

The OACP’s annual awards will be presented on June 12. For more information on all our award winners, please visit the OACP website at www.oacp.ca.



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