



Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police
presents the
Victims Assistance Committee Award

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**Ministry of the Attorney General – Victims and Vulnerable Persons
Division**



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The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ministry of the Attorney General – Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division are pleased to accept nominations for the “**OACP Victims Assistance Committee Award**”. The goal of the award is to recognize and promote the contributions made by members of Ontario police services, alone or in partnership with private or public community agencies, for improving the level of service provided to victims of crime, tragic events or other unfortunate circumstances.

Application Criteria

- Members of police services in Ontario may make or endorse a submission. Individuals or groups are eligible for consideration.
- Applicants must describe one of the following:
 - An ongoing or recent initiative that achieved measurable success in supporting the immediate / ongoing needs of victims of crime or tragic events, or;
 - An ongoing or recent investigation where an individual officer or investigative team went above and beyond the scope of their duties in providing outstanding support and assistance to the victim(s) of crime or tragic events.
- The judging committee is looking for innovative or best practices in the area of Victim Services delivery/assistance.
- The goal is to promote outstanding service and support to victims and/or to share new ideas, initiatives, and programs that can be utilized in other Police Services or communities to address victim issues and service delivery.

- Applications must be submitted within the confines of the prescribed form and must address the following criteria:
 1. Describe the program/investigation in detail,
 2. Describe the targeted group or nature of the victimization;
 3. Show what the need was and how the program/support met that need;
 4. Describe how the program/service was delivered / implemented;
 5. Describe the successes and challenges of the program including any lessons learned; and
 6. Briefly describe the results or feedback.

Application Process

- Only submissions made or endorsed by a sworn or civilian member of a police service in Ontario will be considered.
- A senior officer, senior administrative officer or Detachment Commander of the applicant's police service must approve the application.

Presentation

- The winning organization will be presented with an award and the individuals responsible for the victim assistance initiative will receive a certificate of merit.
- The award and certificate will be presented at the annual Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018** at the Deerhurst Resort.
- The recipient or a representative of the group chosen [and one (1) travelling companion] will be provided travel expenses and overnight accommodation to attend the awards ceremony.

The OACP Victims Assistance Committee will consider all applications submitted in the required format and encourage police services to reach out to their community to bring innovative and supportive programs to assist in the ongoing needs of victims of crime and tragic events. Nominations will be received by the OACP's Victims Assistance Committee; the final decision will be made by the OACP's Awards and Honours Committee.

Entries must be received electronically in Word format by **March 6th at 5 p.m. and** are to be forwarded to:

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