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## Waterloo Regional Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police Win Alcohol Enforcement Awards

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(Toronto, ON) – Ontario’s police leaders are proud to announce the winners of two annual Provincial alcohol enforcement safety awards to be presented at the OACP’s 2018 Annual Meeting taking place June 10-13 in Huntsville, ON:

- **Waterloo Regional Police Service’s Oktoberfest Policing Unit** has been awarded the OACP Outstanding Liquor Enforcement Award, and
- **The Ontario Provincial Police Quinte West detachment** has been awarded the OACP Responsible Alcohol Service Award.

The work of Waterloo Regional PS’s Oktoberfest Policing Unit in ensuring a safe and enjoyable 2017 Oktoberfest demonstrates the dedication of countless police officers and partners such as the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (ACGO) when it comes to liquor license enforcement. Waterloo Region’s Oktoberfest is a nine-day celebration of German heritage, culture, and music which attracts nearly 450,000 attendees. The second largest celebration of its kind in the world sees 13 licenced “festhalls” operating simultaneously during Oktoberfest with capacities ranging from a few hundred to 4,500 at each venue.

The Ontario Provincial Police’s Quinte West detachment works with the ACGO to provide education and enforcement for licensed establishments and the Quinte West community. At the core of this partnership lies enforcement initiatives, investigations and community involvement. Together, the OPP and ACGO conduct inspections of licensed establishments, community festivals and events and investigations regarding serving minors/under age patrons. Prior to large celebratory days/events such as News Year’s Eve and St. Patrick’s Day, they connect with local establishments to discuss compliance with alcohol sales.

The Outstanding Liquor Enforcement Award is presented annually to police agencies which demonstrate excellence and innovation in liquor enforcement while the Responsible Alcohol Service at Licensed Establishments of the Year Award recognizes an Ontario Police Service who undertook a community outreach approach to proactively encourage responsible alcohol service at licensed establishments in their jurisdiction helping promote a safer, healthier Ontario.

These annual awards are made possible by the generous support of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and Smart Serve Ontario.

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](http://www.oacp.ca).



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