

# Media Release

## Constable Andrew Worth of the Ottawa Police Service Honoured with the OACP's School Resource Officer Award of Excellence

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(Toronto, ON) – The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) is pleased to announce that Constable Andrew Worth of the Ottawa Police Service is the recipient of the 2020 OACP School Resource Officer (SRO) Award of Excellence for his outstanding work with students in the Ottawa East Area. This award recognizes the dedicated work of an outstanding Ontario SRO and is sponsored by Accident Support Service International Ltd.



Since Constable Worth became an SRO in 2018, he has been a tireless advocate for positive change in his community. He has developed many initiatives that encourage students with special needs and newly immigrated students to feel part of the school community while breaking down barriers and demonstrating that the police are here to help students.

Constable Worth's efforts to support students include developing a "Random Acts of Kindness Program", where a student who has gone out of their way to perform an act of kindness and is recognized during the "Red Sock Ceremony" (recognition of someone's good deeds and receive a warm pair of red socks), and partnering with Youth Ottawa to champion a credited program where students who are struggling with the traditional school structure can complete credits while learning new skills in the world of video production.

Constable Worth's commitment to his students extends during off-hours as well. By leveraging his community contacts, he has been able to organize an initiative that gives special needs students at a local high school the opportunity to attend an Ottawa Senators game. This event was so successful that it has become an annual event.

Most recently, Constable Worth encouraged his fellow SROs to participate in the 2020 Polar Plunge, which helped fund the Ontario Special Olympics athletes, and raised almost \$900. Another project he is spearheading is the development of an education campaign for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

"Ontario's police leaders value the efforts of School Resource Officers such as Constable Worth who are making a difference in the lives of young people, their families, and their communities. Through their dedication to young people in our schools, SROs are building positive relationships between the community and their police services." – Chief Paul Pedersen, OACP President.

[2020 OACP School Resource Officer Award of Excellence Video](#)



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