

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Columbia Heights Police Department receives 2012 International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award

The City of Columbia Heights has been notified that the Columbia Heights Police Department (CHPD) has been selected to receive the 2012 IACP Community Policing Award. This prestigious international award goes to only one agency a year in the world in one of five population categories. Prior to 2012, only two Minnesota police departments had won the award, New Brighton and Minneapolis. This year, Duluth was also selected as a recipient in the over 100,000 population category. The CHPD is the only police department in Minnesota in the under 20,000 population category.

According to Chief Scott Nadeau of the CHPD, "We're extremely honored to have received this award from the IACP. One thing that distinguishes our award from some others is that our award recognizes achievements made by the entire agency, and not just the efforts of a few. I'm very proud of our staff's accomplishments which were recognized by this award. As an agency we are very grateful to our city, community, and citizens for all the support we have received that has made this possible."

The CHPD was recognized for a number of department initiatives, to include hot spot policing, Neighborhood Watch, branding and increasing our outreach to community, youth mentoring, Open Gym, Landlord training, All-Hands day, collaboration with other police agencies, fundraising for local non-profits, and strengthening our strategic partnerships.

Mayor Gary Peterson said, "We are extremely proud of our Police Department and their efforts to improve the cooperation within our community. This award could not have been achieved without collaboration with all city departments, our school district and our citizens. This shows that anything can be accomplished when we work together."

The Columbia Heights Police Department will be honored at the 2012 IACP Annual Conference in San Diego, CA in October 2012.

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