

Press Release: 2015 Community Policing Award Winners, Finalists Announced

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2015 Community Policing Award Winners, Finalists Announced IACP and Cisco Recognize Agencies for Excellence in Community Policing

Alexandria, VA – The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) today announced that 10 agencies have been selected to receive the 2015 IACP/Cisco Community Policing Award. The award, now in its 18th year, recognizes outstanding community policing initiatives by law enforcement agencies worldwide. Four agencies were selected as winners, five agencies were selected as finalists, and one agency was given special recognition for the use of technology in a community policing effort.

“No single factor has been more crucial to reducing crime levels than the partnership between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve,” said IACP President Richard Beary. “I applaud those recognized with this prestigious award and know that what they have created in their communities will positively impact the law enforcement community worldwide.”

Law enforcement agencies were eligible to be nominated in five categories based on population. This year’s four winners, five finalists, and the winner in the use of technology category are examples of community policing best practices. Their entries demonstrate the meaningful change that can occur when law enforcement officials and their communities are empowered to utilize all available resources for crime prevention and improvement of quality of life.

Winners:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Thompson Detachment, Manitoba (Population under 20,000 residents)
Shakopee, MN Police Department (Population of 20,001 to 50,000 residents)
Dayton, OH Police Department (Population of 100,001 to 250,000 residents)
New York City, NY Police Department (Population of 250,000+ residents)

Finalists:

Columbia Heights, MN Police Department (Population fewer than 20,000)
Durham, NH Police Department (Population fewer than 20,000)
University of Maryland Police Department (Population of 50,001 to 100,000)
Arlington, TX Police Department (Population of more than 250,001)
Houston, TX Police Department (Population of more than 250,001)
Special Recognition - Use of Technology in Community Policing:
Singapore Police Force, Singapore

“Community policing is vitally important to the ultimate success of law enforcement and their mission to protect and serve their communities,” said Committee Chairman Ronal Serpas, Professor at Loyola University and former New Orleans Police Superintendent. “Recent events have demonstrated that trust between law enforcement and the

community it serves is essential. The agencies we are honoring today have demonstrated how incorporating the community policing philosophy into their mission has built a stronger agency, and awarded them with strong and lasting relationships with their communities.”

Cisco is proud to be a part of the IACP Community Policing Awards and all that it represents. The men and women and public safety organizations honored by this award are the embodiment of best in breed in law enforcement,” says Bob Stanberry, former Chief of Police and current Senior Law Enforcement Advisor for Cisco, for the Community Policing Awards. “I am honored to support these organizations and am in awe of their determination to make our communities and citizens safer.”

Award winners will be honored at the IACP’s 122st Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, at a special awards reception at Petterino’s Restaurant on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Further information on Community Policing and how to submit for the 2016 award is available online at www.theiacp.org or on the IACP Community Policing Committee website at www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org. The site is a community policing resource for law enforcement practitioners.

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