

Media Release

Lowertown, Our Town Wins the 2010 OACP Community Mobilization Award

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The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) is pleased to announce that *Lowertown, Our Town*, a program developed by Ottawa Police Service (OPS), has been chosen as the winner of the 2010 OACP Community Mobilization Award. This award recognizes a community that has exhibited exemplary on-going efforts designed to make their neighbourhood a safer, more secure place to live.

Lowertown, Our Home was established in 2007 as LESCO (Lowertown East Security Committee of Ottawa). Before this Committee, there was little contact between OPS and community agencies. OPS outreach initiatives had had little impact on improving relations with residents and no integrated, holistic approaches to community building existed. LESCO was the first organized initiative to collaboratively address the safety and security issues in East Lowertown and OPS was one of the founding partners.

Lowertown, Our Town seeks to actively engage community members in identifying common concerns, community solutions, and preventative measures to build a safe and healthy community.

The 2010 OACP Community Mobilization Award, sponsored by Accident Support Services International Inc., will be presented during the Awards and Life Members' Luncheon at the OACP's Annual Conference and Global Showcase (www.oacpconference.on.ca).

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