

Media Release

Peterborough Lakefield Community Police's *Drug Strategy Task Force* Wins the 2010 OACP Community Policing Award

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The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) is pleased to announce that the *Peterborough Drug Strategy Task Force* has won the 2010 OACP Community Policing Award.

This award is granted in recognition of a partnership between the police and the community they serve in identifying a specific concern and developing a successful, innovative solution to the issue. Award winners demonstrate their commitment to a Community Policing model in their approach to solving the problem.

The *Peterborough Drug Strategy Task Force* is based on the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service's philosophy that strength stems from diverse community partnerships. Under this initiative, five geographic areas were designated where a Community Patrol Unit was assigned to promote the shared responsibility between community members and the police for prevention and resolving crime. Community members have access to a team member 24-hours-a-day and are encouraged to participate in community meetings intended to address immediate concerns and create prevention strategies for their unique area.

In addition to the team policing strategy, the Service encourages each officer to be involved in the community by participating in initiatives, on committees, providing support for events, and partnering with existing services.

The 2010 OACP Community Policing 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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