

Media Release

Constable James Wingate Awarded 3rd Annual Gimborn Scholarship

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(Toronto, ON) – The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the International Police Association, Ontario Regions (IPA) are pleased to announce that Constable James Wingate of Peel Regional Police Service is the winner of the 3rd annual Gimborn Scholarship. This annual scholarship allows an Ontario police officer to travel to the IPA's Conference Centre at Gimborn near Cologne, Germany and enroll in a specialized policing seminar.



“Investing in our police officers is an investment in policing excellence and the future leaders of policing in our Province,” said Ron G. Bain, OACP’s Executive Director. “Constable Wingate has demonstrated a strong desire to expand his skills and knowledge and become the very best police officer he can be. We are proud to assist him in this worthy goal.”

Constable Wingate began his policing career in 1997. He is currently serving with Peel Regional Police Service’s Homicide and Missing Persons Bureau. He was seconded to the Office of the Chief Coroner as Acting Detective out of the Homicide Bureau and was lead investigator for numerous complex and high profile investigations in Ontario.

Constable Wingate obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Guelph University and completed a Masters degree from Athabasca University in 2009, with a concentration in organizational leadership.

According to Boyd Brown, the IPA’s Vice-President for Special Projects (Region 2), the Gimborn Scholarship helps Ontario police officers build relationships with international colleagues and learn from the experience of police officers from around the world.

“Understanding and appreciating law enforcement challenges and developments in other parts of the world helps our officers develop their own leadership and other skills,” said Brown. “Constable Wingate will find that the IPA’s Conference Centre offers a wide range of seminars that provide unique, international perspectives on policing issues of importance to us in Canada.”

The Gimborn Scholarship will be presented to Constable Wingate at the Awards and Life Members’ Luncheon at the OACP’s Annual Conference June 16.

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The International Police Association

The International Police Association (IPA) is the largest police organization in the world with over 300,000 members in 63 countries around the globe. Its aims are to unite in service and friendship all active and retired members of the law enforcement community.

The IPA strives to enhance the image of police in its member nations and to facilitate international co-operation through friendly contacts between members. The purpose of the Association is strictly cultural, social, recreational, and educational. At no time does the Association take part in any manner of departmental policy, discipline, or unionism. More information can be found at the IPA Canada website at www.ipa.ca.

Castle Gimborn is the conference and education centre of the IPA. Located 30 miles east of Cologne, Gimborn provides seminars on policing related subjects, mostly in German. Some of the courses are conducted in English and the Gimborn Scholarship will be selected from one of these. Each year approximately 2,500 participants take advantage of the facilities offered in Gimborn. This is an excellent opportunity for one Ontario police officer to interface with their international peers. For more information on Castle Gimborn, please visit www.ibz-gimborn.de/homegb.htm.

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police



The Police Association of Ontario, formed in 1933, complemented the Chief Constables' Association of Canada in presenting public demands to the Ontario government. In 1944, the Police Association of Ontario's perspective started to change. There was more emphasis now placed on police rights and working conditions, as opposed to emphasizing the structure of the police service. By 1951, Ontario Police Chiefs, identifying a need to re-establish themselves as a recognized police interest-group on a provincial level, founded the Chief Constables' Association of Ontario.

This Association gradually evolved, opening membership to senior officers and police managers. The Association's influence was a significant factor in the establishment of the Ontario Police College in 1963, an initiative that enhanced the organization's prestige and growth. A formal name change to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) was adopted in 1965.

The OACP has more than 1,500 members, who are divided into five categories: Active, Honorary, Life, Associate, and Affiliate. The OACP's members maintain a global perspective by going beyond provincial issues to address national and international concerns. For more information about OACP, please visit www.oacp.ca.