

Media Release

Paul Hamelin to be Honoured by Ontario Police Leaders

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(Toronto, ON) – Paul Hamelin, a former President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) who retired as Chief of Police of the Midland Police Service in 2009, has been chosen to receive the highest honour awarded to a member of the OACP, the President's Award of Merit.

The Award is conferred on an OACP member who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and support to the advancement of the goals and objectives of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. The President's Award of Merit is presented at the OACP's Annual Conference, which this year will take place in Kingston from June 13-16.

“Over 35 years, Paul Hamelin has dedicated his professional life to serving his fellow citizens and advancing policing as a profession,” said OACP President Chief Daniel Parkinson (Cornwall Community Police Service). “As a police leader, Paul tried to build bridges between communities, different types of law enforcement organizations, as well as government and police groups. He has made a tremendous impact on our association and the way we police in Ontario.”

Paul Hamelin is currently the Executive Director of the Ontario Police Technology Information Co-operative, which is comprised of 39 Ontario municipal police services and the Ontario Provincial Police working in co-operation with the Government of Ontario. The Co-operative provides state-of-the-art information technology and data management systems, including but not limited to Records Management (RMS), Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), and data networks for approved agencies.

Hamelin retired from policing in 2009 after 35 year career in policing. After 10 years with London Police Service, he returned to his home town of Midland in 1985 and over the next 25 years was promoted through the ranks before being appointed Chief of Police in 1995. Hamelin's many honours during his policing career include receiving the Police Exemplary Service Medal for 20 years of Meritorious Service, the 30 Year Bar for Loyal and Exemplary Service, and being inducted as an Officer of the Order of Merit of Police Forces by the Governor General of Canada in January 2006.

Paul Hamelin was active in many policing associations, including the OACP, where he served on many committees and as President in 2005-06, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association, and the Simcoe County Policing Authorities.

Hamelin continues to be active in his community by serving on the Board of Directors of Community Living Huronia and as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Midland.

For details on the OACP's Annual Conference and Global Showcase, please visit the conference website at www.oacpconference.on.ca.



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