



IACP Recognizes Agencies for Community Policing - PRESS RELEASE

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IACP Recognizes Agencies for Community Policing Committee extends special honors for Homeland Security success

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (October 1, 2008) The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) selected four agencies from nearly 100 entries to receive its 2008 Community Policing Awards, according to Community Policing Committee Chairman, Chief Todd A. Miller of the Terrell, Texas Police Service. For the fourth year, submissions also were reviewed for their efforts in homeland security, and two agencies were selected for special recognition in that area.

Law enforcement agencies were eligible to be nominated in five categories based on population. A preliminary judging panel of 27 and a final panel of seven reviewed nearly 100 nominations from the United States and several foreign countries. This year's four winners 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 building partnerships, solving problems, and preventing crime. **The 2008 winners are:**

Population fewer than 20,000 residents	Highland Village Police Department Highland Village, Texas;
Population of 20,001 to 50,000 residents	St. Louis Park Police Department St. Louis Park, Minnesota;
Population of 50,001 to 100,000 residents	Tustin Police Department Tustin, California;
Population of 100,001 to 250,000 residents	No Award Given
Population of 250,001+ residents	Edmonton Police Service Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

In addition, the committee selected six finalists. They are:

Population fewer than 20,000 residents

Ocean City Police Department
Ocean City, Maryland

Vail Police Department
Vail, Colorado

Population of 20,001 to 50,000 residents

Albert Lea Police Department
Albert Lea, Minnesota

Population of 100,001 to 250,000 residents

LaCrosse Police Department
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Population of 250,001+ residents

Albuquerque Police Department
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Toledo Police Department
Toledo, Ohio

The two agencies recognized this year for their homeland security programs are:

Singapore Police Force
Republic of Singapore

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Computer Crime Investigative Unit
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

These two agencies demonstrated how community policing philosophy and practices are integral in terrorism prevention and response and how homeland security is not possible without involving citizens. Through involvement, awareness and action, agencies and communities around the world moved another step closer to winning the war on terror.

Award winners will be honored at the IACP's annual conference banquet in San Diego, California on November 12, 2008 by IACP President Ronald C. Ruecker. The committee will honor the winners, finalists and specially recognized agencies in homeland security at a private reception on November 9, 2008. Additionally, winners and finalists will be highlighted at the IACP's Community Policing Workshop, "Police and Community Solutions to Critical Emerging Issues" to be held on November 10th from 1-3 p.m. The workshop will feature information from the winners and discussions on immigration and dealing with immigrants, intelligence led policing and the anti-snitching culture.

The IACP Community Policing Award was developed in 1998 to recognize outstanding community policing initiatives by law enforcement agencies worldwide and has been presented annually with the exception of the year 2007. The 2008 IACP Community Policing Award is sponsored jointly by Tecton Architects, Inc. www.tectonarchitects.com of Hartford, CT and CISCO Systems, Inc., www.cisco.com a global corporation with US headquarters in San Jose, CA.

About The IACP

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