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DULUTH POLICE are Finalist in 2013 Community Policing Awards

IACP and Cisco Recognize Agencies for Outstanding Community Policing

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) announced that four agencies have been selected to receive the 2013 IACP and Cisco Systems Community Policing Award. The award recognizes outstanding community policing initiatives by law enforcement agencies worldwide. In addition to the four winners, seven agencies were selected as finalists and one agency was given special recognition for efforts involving homeland security.

“Community policing is central to the success of the police mission as we provide cost effective services to our diverse communities,” said IACP President Craig T. Steckler. “I applaud those recognized with this prestigious award and know that what they have created in their communities will positively impact the law enforcement community worldwide.”

Law enforcement agencies were eligible to be nominated in five categories based on population. This year’s four winners, seven finalists, and the homeland security recognize 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 crime prevention and improvement of quality of life.

Winners:

Mankato, MN, Department of Public Safety
Abington Township, PA, Police Department
Boise, ID, Police Department
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada Police Service

Finalists:

Vail, CO, Police Department
Madison City, AL, Police Department
St. Louis Park, MN, Police Department
City of Duluth, MN, Police Department
Grand Prairie, TX, Police Department
Dayton, OH, Police Department
Hong Kong Police (Project New Dawn)
Special Recognition
Homeland Security: Colorado State Patrol

The Duluth Police Department was chosen as a finalist for creating a Blight and Nuisance Crime Project. This is a collaborative project between the City of Duluth’s Police Department and Attorney’s Office to address the “quality of life” blight & nuisance crimes plaguing two Duluth Police patrol zones. The project assigned a full time Community Police Officer to deal with law enforcement and a full time City Attorney to coordinate judicial issues to address chronic blight and nuisance crime offenders. The Blight and Nuisance Crime Project succeeded in

improving the sharing of information about chronic offenders between prosecutors, judges and the police thereby improving the criminal justice system. The Community Intervention Group helped designate and locate resources for indigent and chronic perpetrators of nuisance crimes allowing them access to resources that could help initiate reparations of their past.

Director Todd A. Miller, chairman of the Community Policing Committee, said, "The philosophy of community policing is more relevant and necessary today than ever before. With limited resources and increased expectations, the force multiplication agencies receive by implementing the community policing philosophy and partnering with citizens, not to mention the increased trust that is developed is the most effective means of making our communities safer, whether it is from crime or from terrorism. The agencies selected this year demonstrate the importance of the community oriented policing philosophy in solving problems and enhancing service."

"Cisco is honored to support public safety organizations around the world and recognize the contributions of community policing agencies represented by the IACP Community Policing Awards," said Bob Stanberry, former Chief of Police and current Public Safety Channel Solutions for Cisco, for the Community Policing Awards. "We're proud to support this outstanding awards program and collaborate with agencies in local communities."

Award winners will be honored at the IACP's Annual Conference at a special awards reception on October 20. Further information on Community Policing and how to submit for the 2014 award is available online at the IACP Community Policing Committee website at www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org. The site is a community policing resource for law enforcement practitioners.

About The IACP

The International Association of Chiefs of Police is a dynamic organization that serves as the professional voice of law enforcement. Building on our past success, the IACP addresses cutting edge issues confronting law enforcement through advocacy, programs and research, as well as training and other professional services. IACP is a comprehensive professional organization that supports the law enforcement leaders of today and develops the leaders of tomorrow."

