



C o m m u n i t y R e c o g n i t i o n

6th Annual Police Appreciation Night

Members of the Durham Regional Police were singled out Oct. 23rd for their heroism, quick thinking and bravery at the prestigious 6th Annual Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night (PADAN).

Organizing co-chairs Moe Pringle and Blair McArthur thanked every member of the police service for making a difference in the community.

This year, awards were presented to:

- * Constable Josh Conner for successfully removing two very active and potentially dangerous offenders from the streets.
- * Nuclear Security Division whose daily performance ensures the safety of our community.
- * Constable Ron Crouch who helped stop the financial and emotional abuse of an elderly couple.
- * Projects Lynx and Merlin which resulted in the arrest of numerous suspects and the seizure of millions of dollars in drugs and assets, making our community a safer place.
- * Constable Andrew Tummonds for saving the life of a suicidal female, suffering from post-partum depression.
- * Constable Bradley Browne for rescuing 20 people from a burning rooming house.

- * Sergeant Tom Hart who was recognized for 25 years of outstanding dedication to the Big Brothers and Sisters organization. His award was presented by his former Little Brother, now a Detective Constable with DRPS.

Congratulations and thank you to all the recipients for truly making a difference in our community.

One highlight of the night was a speech from 10-year-old Nicholas McLaughlin, our Police Chief for a Day, who impressed the crowd when he presented his essay about what it would be like to be a police officer.



Top: PADAN Co-Chairs Blair McArthur, left and Moe Pringle, right, present master of ceremony Ken Shaw with a cheque in support of the new Abilities Centre, a project he is leading in Whitby.

Left: Detective Sergeant Mario Lessard and Inspector Brian Osborne (centre) accept the PADAN award on behalf of Project Lynx and Merlin teams.



Police Officer of the Year

Two DRP officers were honoured as our Police Association hosted the 2008 Retirement Dinner and Lion's Club Police Officer of the Year and Terry Ryan Awards Presentation in Oshawa.

The Lion's Club Police Officer of the Year was awarded to Detective Larry Nobbs for his work with the 18 Division

(Whitby) Criminal Investigation Bureau and for his dedication to serving the community. Constable William White of 19 Division

(Ajax/Pickering) was also honoured as the Terry Ryan Memorial Scholarship Rookie of the Year. His dedication to youth in the community made him a standout in the committee's eyes.



Recognition from Multicultural Community

Chief Constable Mike Ewles proudly accepted a certificate of appreciation from the Durham Region Multifaith World Religion Day Celebration Committee for the Service's support of the recent World Religion Day.

Donald Igbokwe, Ron King and Shashi Bhatia presented Chief Constable Ewles with the certificate at Regional Headquarters. The DRPS was one of many community agencies and groups who came together to celebrate World Religion Day on January 20th, 2008 at the Devi Mandir Temple auditorium in Pickering.

M.A.D.D. Award

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) Durham hosted its 9th Annual Awards Night in Whitby in April 2009 honouring police officers, volunteers, the media and community heroes. M.A.D.D. Durham works to stop impaired driving in our region and to support the victims of this violent crime.

Durham Regional Police member Constable William White was named M.A.D.D. Officer of the Year. Also nominated for dedicated work in the area of impaired driving were the Durham Regional Police Festival R.I.D.E.



Team, Constable Jay Shaddick, Constable Gord Black, Constable Jamie Pogson and O.P.P. Constable Dominic Wong.

Constable White was recognized for continually striving to reduce impaired driving in Durham Region, frequently volunteering for impaired driving calls and making impaired driving a year round initiative. He also created a letter which thanks members of the public for taking time out of their busy lives to call in and report an impaired driving offence to the police. Constable White was also a member of the 2008-2009 Festive R.I.D.E. Team.

Deputy Sherry Whiteway says DRPS is committed to having the safest roads in Durham Region, but we can't do it alone. It takes community members and organizations like M.A.D.D. to make a difference. She says impaired driving is a deliberate decision and when alcohol is mixed with driving, a cocktail of disaster is created.