



**Minister of Justice
National Youth Justice Policing Award
2006**

Nomination Process

The Department of Justice (DOJ), in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP), is pleased to present the *Minister of Justice National Youth Justice Policing Award*. The award honours police officers, both individually or as a team, whose innovative approach to dealing with youth and youth crime reflects and is consistent with the goals of the Youth Justice Renewal Initiative, of which the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* is a key element. This award recognizes excellence and innovation in youth initiatives by all sworn police officers from federal, provincial, municipal, military and railway police services in Canada.

Award Program General Eligibility and Nomination Process

Who is eligible for this award?

Police officers, individually or as a team, who exemplify, by their approach to policing youth, the goals and objectives of the Government's initiative to renew youth justice in Canada. Nominations will be accepted for activities initiated during 2004-2006.

What are the objectives of the Government's initiative to renew youth justice in Canada?

The goals and objectives of the Youth Justice Renewal Initiative most applicable to the police award are: to make more use of measures outside the formal court process; to reduce Canada's over-reliance on custody; to place more emphasis on rehabilitation and reintegration of young people who have come into conflict with the law; and to enable greater citizen and community participation in the youth justice system.

Who can nominate candidates for the Award?

Police Services, community groups, and citizens are eligible to nominate police officers for this award. Individual police officers may nominate their colleagues.

How do I nominate a candidate for the Award?

Complete and forward the required Nomination Form to the Department of Justice, Youth Justice Renewal Initiative, 180 Elgin Street, 7th Floor, Ottawa, ON. K1A 0H8.

Nominations may also be submitted by fax at (613) 954-3294 or by email at prix.police.award@justice.gc.ca Include supporting press clippings, citations, letters of appreciation, photographs, etc.

Nominations from a member of a police service must be reviewed and signed by the Chief of Police, Director or Commanding Officer of the police service or agency concerned.



Nominations from a community group or an individual must be copied to the Chief of Police, Director or Commanding Officer of the police service or agency concerned.

When are nominations for this year's award due?

Nominations for this year's award must be received by **Wednesday, May 31, 2006**.

Who selects the winner?

The winner is selected by a committee comprised of representatives the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Police Association, the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association, the R.C.M.P., National Associations Active in Criminal Justice, a youth organization, and the Department of Justice.

When will this year's Award be presented?

This year's award will be presented at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference to be held August 20-23 in St. John's, Newfoundland.

What does the winner receive?

The winner's name is inscribed on a trophy (which remains with the winning police service for a year); he/she receives a smaller version of the trophy which he/she retains; and a grant of \$5,000.00 is presented to the police service in the name of the winner. The winner's expenses are covered for the four-day stay at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Annual Conference, as well as those of the winner's spouse/companion.



NOMINATION FORM

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NOTE: PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH NOMINATION YOU ARE SUBMITTING.
ATTACH ALL RELATED SUPPORTIVE MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTATION.

SEND TO: Department of Justice
Youth Justice Renewal Initiative
180 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8
or
Fax to (613) 954-3294
or
E-mail: prix.police.award@justice.gc.ca

Date nomination submitted: _____

Information about the Nominee(s)

Name of Police Officer(s) being nominated: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Information about the Police Service

Name of Police Service or Department: _____

(Please use a separate nomination form for separate police services or departments)

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Fax Number(s): _____



Information about the Nominator

Name of individual(s) submitting nomination: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Information about the Commanding Officer of the Police Service

Name of Chief of Police, Commander or Director: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

(Nominations made by a member of a police service must be reviewed and signed by the Chief of Police, Director or Commanding Officer of the agency concerned. If the nomination is made by a community group or individual, the person or group making the nomination must send a copy of the form to the Chief of Police, Director or Commanding Officer of the police service concerned.)

NOTE: Please limit the nomination to a maximum of 1500 words. Do not write on the back of the nomination form. Please include relevant supporting material or documentation.

Indicate when the program or approach for which you are nominating the officer was started or significantly altered (please list changes and dates).



Describe the project or approach for which you are nominating the officer.

Describe how the program or approach is creative and/or innovative in dealing with youth who have come in conflict with the law.



Indicate which of the following the program or approach supports:

- police discretion at the front end of the youth justice process (no further action, warnings, cautions, referrals to community agencies as alternatives to the formal court system);
- conferencing as a means of assisting in decision-making throughout one or more parts of the youth justice process;
- community-based alternatives to the formal court process; or
- rehabilitation and reintegration of youth through positive police/youth activities.



Describe how the program or approach contributes to the achievement of one or more of the following goals:

- fostering respect for societal values;
- emphasizing responsibility to the victim and the community;
- helping young people understand the impact of their actions;
- allowing young persons to make the connection between the offence and its consequences;
- encouraging the involvement of parents, families and the community in the rehabilitation and reintegration of youth;
- assisting particularly disadvantaged groups or communities; or
- increasing community involvement in the youth justice system.
