

Colleagues,

The mid-year conference is just around the corner and our annual conference follows a few months later. It is time for us to look back on the past year and determine if there are individuals or organizations deserving of recognition by our association for their work or accomplishments in making our communities safer.

Our association has several categories of recognition for individual or organizational excellence. I need your assistance as leaders to review the award categories and to consider submitting an individual, employee, or organization for consideration of recognition by CACP. You can submit one or more nominations for review by the Awards Committee.

I have listed the CACP Award categories at the end of this message for your review. The awards, guidelines, and submittal instructions can also be found on our website at: <http://www.colochiefs.org/recognition-awards>. Awards need to be submitted no later than April 15, 2017. Nominations can be submitted to me by email at dbrennan@ci.wheatridge.co.us. A committee of association members will review the awards and select the recipients.

I need CACP members to assist me in reviewing the awards and making selections. It would be great if I have one volunteer from each of the regions. I don't anticipate the review of awards and selection will take a lot of time.

The award categories are:

1. **CACP Police Officer of the Year Award**, is given for exceptional achievement in any police endeavor, either on-duty or off-duty, including extraordinary valor, crime prevention, investigative work, community policing, traffic safety, drug control and prevention, juvenile programs and training programs.
2. **The CACP Charles K. "Pat" Steele Award**, given for Long Term Professional and Ethical Contributions to Law Enforcement and the People of Colorado as a Colorado Chief of Police.
3. **The CACP Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award**, presented to a Colorado Law Enforcement agency Chief Executive for innovative program implementation, which contributed to making Colorado a better and safer place to live.
4. **The CACP Pioneer Policing Award**, given to a Colorado Law Enforcement Agency, which has pioneered a totally innovative program, policy or concept not knowingly used elsewhere, to further the professionalism of Law Enforcement, and/or the service to citizens.
5. **The CACP American Spirit Award**, given to any agency serving less than 10,000 population (and to its chief executive) for professional contributions to Law Enforcement while limited in resources, manpower and finances.
6. **The "Mike Silva" Citizen Involvement Award**, given to a Colorado Citizen who without regard for their own well-being, became involved in assisting the Police Department.

7. **The CACP Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award**, given to a Colorado Citizen who, without other compensation, distinguishes themselves through long-term and selfless volunteer work to a Colorado Law Enforcement Agency.
8. **The CACP Valor Award**, is given to any certified Police Officer in the State of Colorado, while on or off-duty, or any reserve or part-time certified officer while serving a department on-duty, who through performance of a deed, above and beyond the policies and procedures of any department or agency, which results in the saving of a human life, or which placed the officer in extreme peril of his/her life.

Please email or call me at 303-235-2911, if you have any questions.

Regards,

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