

HALDIMAND COUNTY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
POLICY No. 01-2006

Subject: **Police Services Board Recognition Policy**

Purpose: To recognize commendable and honourable actions performed by police and auxiliary officers in the line of duty; to recognize the exemplary deeds of citizens of the community for actions taken to assist law enforcement.

Policy: The recognition of individuals shall occur at an annual Haldimand County Recognition Night where recipients will be presented with a plaque by the Police Services Board. Prior to formal recognition, recipients will be evaluated by the Board based on the synopsis of events and recommendations provided by the Detachment Commander and in accordance to adherence with the following award categories and criteria:

1. **Citizen's Plaque** – Presented to citizens of the community whose actions were clearly above that which would be normally expected.
2. **Valour Award** – Presented to police and auxiliary officers or citizens who distinguished themselves by conspicuous bravery, heroism or other outstanding action and were aware of great personal danger prior to the performance of the action taken.
3. **Meritorious Service Award** – Presented to a police officer, auxiliary officer or citizen who performed an exceptional act unaware of great personal danger prior to initiating the act but who performs in a commendable manner upon becoming aware of the danger.
4. **Distinguished Service Award** – Presented to any police or auxiliary officer who performed an act worthy of merit in a commendable manner such as saving the life of another person but where no actual danger existed to the officer.
5. **Award of Commendation** – Presented to a police unit, officer, citizen or citizens' group that performed an act that distinguished itself by exceptionally admirable service to the police force or the community for action clearly above that which is normally expected.

5-6. Award of Excellence – Presented to any police or auxiliary officer or others working with the Haldimand O.P.P. who have made an outstanding contribution to road safety during the previous calendar year through education, enforcement, training, and/or community-based programs.

Any individual designated to receive a plaque or award will be contacted by the Board Administrator and given the opportunity to decline acceptance or recognition.

Award recipients will be permitted to invite family members and friends to attend the Recognition Night. Attendance by Board Members is expected. O.P.P. officials will be invited to attend and / or participate.