

# 2009 IACP Awards



## Police Officer of the Year

The IACP and *PARADE* magazine join forces to recognize exemplary performance in police work. As one of the top law enforcement awards in the country, the Police Officer of the Year Award symbolizes the highest level of achievement among police officers. In addition, to the officer of the year, 12 other officers were selected for honorable-mention awards. Recipients are recognized during the IACP General Assembly, in *PARADE* magazine, and at an awards luncheon at the annual IACP conference. All sworn, full-time police officers below the rank of chief are eligible. Nominations may be made for exceptional achievement in any police endeavor, including extraordinary valor, crime prevention, investigative work, community relations, traffic safety, drug control and prevention, juvenile programs, and training efforts.



Left to right: Larry Smith, *PARADE* magazine; Officer Pedro Garcia III, San Antonio, Texas, Police Department; Captain James Flavin, San Antonio, Texas, Police Department; and Mark Marshall, IACP second vice president

Quick thinking and daring action by San Antonio, Texas, Police Officer Pedro Garcia saved the lives of two badly wounded fellow officers in a shootout with a gunman firing at them with an AK-47 assault rifle from a Southside residence in September 2008. First, Officer Garcia lay down a covering fire from the backyard of the two-story structure, forcing the assailant to take cover, while other officers dragged the wounded man to safety. Garcia then charged across an open space, exposing himself to gunfire, to reach a vulnerable officer who had been

shot in the back. Officer Garcia threw the wounded officer over his shoulder and carried her to safety.

For his daring action, the 33-year-old father of two has been named 2009 Police Officer of the Year by the IACP and *PARADE*.

In addition, 12 officers received honorable mentions at the Police Service Awards luncheon: Patrol Officer James Simone, Cleveland, Ohio, Division of Police; Officer Stephen T. Grieser, Dublin, Georgia, Police Department; Trooper Kurt Johnson, Virginia State Police; Keith Bishop, Drug Enforcement Administration; Officer Larry Marrero, Miami Beach, Florida, Police Department; Corporal Jeffrey D. Shriner, New Castle, Delaware, Police Department; Detective John Hamlett, Greenville, South Carolina, Police Department; Officer Richard Birch and Agent David Weeks, West Palm Beach, Florida, Police Department; Special Agent Marvin F. Burgos, U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General; and Detective Karla F. Heine and Sergeant Justin Barlow, Columbia, Illinois, Police Department.

For more information about the IACP/*PARADE* Police Officer of the Year Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Meredith Mays at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; [mays@theiacp.org](mailto:mays@theiacp.org).

## IACP/Motorola Webber Seavey Award: Quality in Law Enforcement

Jointly sponsored by the IACP and Motorola, the Webber Seavey Award is presented annually to agencies worldwide in recognition of promoting a standard of excellence that exemplifies the law enforcement profession's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in local communities. This program helps law enforcement agencies worldwide and the communities they serve by redefining the concept of law enforcement and how it is routinely performed. The award is named for Webber S. Seavey, the IACP's first president.

The program annually honors achievements in one or more of the following goals:

- Continually improving services to the community
- Strengthening police relations and promoting community participation
- Effectively using resources
- Enhancing communications within and cooperation among agencies
- Developing creative and innovative approaches that promote excellence in law enforcement



Left to right: Assistant Chief of Police David McCoy, Richmond, Virginia, Police Department; Chief of Police Bryan Norwood, Richmond, Virginia, Police Department; Captain Harvey Powers, Richmond, Virginia, Police Department; Albert Stokes, grants manager, Richmond, Virginia, Police Department; Esther Welch Anderson, director, Gang Reduction and Intervention Program, Virginia Attorney General's Office; Chief Russell B. Laine, IACP president; and Larry Mabry, vice president, Motorola

## Richmond, Virginia, Police Department GRIP—Gang Reduction and Intervention Program

This collaborative partnership focuses on reducing gang crime and violence in a seven-square mile targeted area of South Richmond. The initiative uses a five-prong approach: primary prevention, secondary prevention, intervention, suppression, and reentry. Programs are holistically designed to address the full range of personal, family, and community factors that contribute to high levels of juvenile delinquency and gang activity. The project provides the community, and specifically youths and young adults, with a positive alternative to gangs. Since its inception, there has been a dramatic reduction in homicides.



Left to right: Chief Russell B. Laine, IACP president; Larry Mabry, vice president, Motorola; Inspector Bryan Schafer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department; and Captain Isaac DeLugo III, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department

### Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department Juvenile-Focused Policing: A Collaboration to Reduce Crime

When the Juvenile Unit was eliminated due to budgetary shortfalls, youth crime rates climbed at an alarming rate in just three years. The police department took decisive action by reinstating the unit to innovatively reduce juvenile crime. Working with community partners and other law enforcement agencies, the holistic collaboration drove change by serving as a one-stop shop for intelligence gathering, investigations, public school security, and booking and fingerprinting as well as maintaining a juvenile history database. Since inception, Part I crimes have decreased 33 percent, and juvenile crime suspects in Part I crimes have dropped 30 percent.



Left to right: Larry Mabry, Motorola; Chief Russell B. Laine, IACP president; Commissioner Julian Fantino, Ontario Provincial Police; and Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechy, Ontario Provincial Police.

### Ontario Provincial Police, Canada Provincial Traffic Safety Program

During the last 10 years, an average of 489 people died annually in motor vehicle accidents on provincial highways. Correspondingly, 33 people were killed on waterways, 23 in motorized snow vehicles, and 12 on all-terrain vehicles. A detailed analysis on causal factors of fatal and serious injury collisions enabled the program to mobilize officers at every level for the sole purpose of saving lives and preventing injuries. The traffic safety program focus is impaired driving, lack of occupant restraint, and aggressive driving. Core components include high visibility, an intelligence-led approach, and a return to proven safety principles. Since implementation, the province has the lowest number of traffic fatalities in 80 years, and the societal savings of this reduction is estimated in the billions of dollars.

**2010 applications due: April 30, 2010**

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### IACP Civil Rights Award

The IACP Civil Rights Award, sponsored jointly by Fechheimer Brothers Company and V. H. Blackinton & Company, recognizes outstanding law enforcement achievements in protecting civil and human rights. These activities range from solidly professional criminal investigations of civil rights violations and hate crimes to innovative police community outreach programs that serve vulnerable and disenfranchised populations. The award underscores a fact too often overlooked: that law enforcement professionals are among the primary guarantors of civil, human, and constitutional rights in democratic societies.

IACP Civil Rights Awards are submitted under the following categories:

- Single-Agency Program or Project Award
- Multi-Agency Team Award
- Individual Achievement Award
- International Human Rights Award



Left to right: Chief Russell B. Laine, IACP president; FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Daniel McMullen; Deputy Superintendent William Gross, Boston Police Department; Special Agent-in-Charge James Cavanaugh, ATF, Nashville, Tennessee, Field Office; Chief Scott Bechthold, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, Police Department; Lieutenant Mark Bruley, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Police Department; Chief Craig Reid, City of Hopkins, Minnesota, Police Department; and Deputy Chief Todd Sandell, City of Richfield, Minnesota, Police Department

### Single-Agency Program or Project Award: City of Westbrook, Maine, Police Department Foreign Exchange and Civil Rights Program/ Human Relations Committee

The Westbrook, Maine, Police Department received the 2009 Single-Agency Program Award for its entire range of civil rights efforts, including its Foreign Exchange and Civil Rights Program and Human Relations Committee. The cornerstone of the program is the foreign exchange component, whereby an officer lives and works in a foreign law enforcement setting for two weeks and then the department invites the foreign law enforcement host to return to Westbrook for a similar period of time. Additionally, the program trains its sworn personnel on cultural diversity, develops cultural liaison volunteers from the community, and provides multilingual informational brochures and maps to the community. The department's Human Relations Committee's mission is to promote civil rights, personal dignity, and positive relationships between all residents of and visitors to Westbrook. Members of the committee represent the countries of Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Congo, Ukraine, Russia, Mexico, and the Philippines. The



committee includes members from the business community, clergy, city and state legislatures, and citizens at large.



From left to right: Chief Craig Reid, City of Hopkins, Minnesota, Police Department; Chief Scott Bechthold, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, Police Department; Lieutenant Mark Bruley, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Police Department; and Deputy Chief Todd Sandell, City of Richfield, Minnesota, Police Department

### Multi-Agency Team Award Joint Community Police Partnership

The 2009 Multi-Agency Team Award was conferred to the Joint Community Police Partnership program in Hennepin County, Minnesota. To address the growing number of immigrants in the county and the need for respect for diversity, the Hennepin County board created the Joint Community Police Partnership (JCPP) in the cities of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park in 2005. The program was expanded in 2007 with the inclusion of the city of Richfield and in 2008 with the city of Hopkins. The goal of the JCPP is to create cooperative relationships between the law enforcement departments and their diverse communities. The major components of the program include the recruitment and hiring of police cadets of diverse backgrounds, advanced training of officers including daily roll calls on key diversity topics and language classes, formation of a Multicultural Advisory Committee, embedded community liaisons, and training for community leaders. More than 200 police officers and 6,000 community members in the four cities have participated in various JCPP training activities. Over 80 percent of community residents, as self-reported through pre- and post-event questionnaires, experienced a better understanding of police and less fear of police from their involvement in JCPP trainings and events.

### Individual Achievement Award: James Cavanaugh, ATF, Nashville Field Office

James Cavanaugh, special agent in charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Nashville, Tennessee, Field Office was recognized for his commitment, leadership, and contribution to the law enforcement profession in the area of civil rights, specifically in the investigations of hate crimes. Throughout his career,

Cavanaugh has dedicated his work and leadership to investigating some of the most violent and heinous hate crimes in the south. In the 1990s, Cavanaugh investigated more than 50 church fires in Alabama and Mississippi, which precipitated the Church Arson Act. At the command level and throughout his career Cavanaugh has been a champion of law enforcement's key role in civil rights.



ICE Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge Tracy Cormier; ICE Special Agent Miguel Palomino; FBI Special Agent Tricia Whitehill; and FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Daniel McMullen

### International Human Rights Award: Los Angeles Metropolitan Human Trafficking Task Force (LAMHTTF) Vasquez-Valenzuela Sex Trafficking Organization Investigation

The 2009 International Human Rights Award was presented to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Human Trafficking Task Force (LAMHTTF) for its exemplary performance in the investigation and highly successful prosecution of the Vasquez-Valenzuela crime family. The family conspired to commit egregious acts of forced prostitution by victimizing young women and minors who were smuggled into the U.S. from Guatemala. This case was one of the largest and most complex sex trafficking cases of its kind successfully tried in the United States. The arrests and dismantlement of this organization led to the reuniting of the victims with their families in Guatemala. The LAMHTTF comprises Assistant United States Attorneys from the Central District of California Cheryl Murphy, Curtis Kin, Tony Lewis, and Sarah Heidel; Department of Justice attorneys Andrew Kline and Cyra O'Daniel; Paralegal Specialist Connie Lee; FBI Special Agents Tricia Whitehill and Valerie Venegas; ICE Special Agent Miguel Palomino; and DOL-OIG Special Agent Jesus Quezada. The Vasquez-Valenzuela investigation provided a solid model for working together to combat human trafficking. Law enforcement gained directly from the Vasquez-Valenzuela case through the increased awareness in the community and a means to reach out and encourage community members (who are often the

only sources for reporting these otherwise undetected and unreported crimes) to come forward with the assurance that law enforcement would, in fact, act upon their tips.

**2010 applications due: March 26, 2010**

For more information about the IACP Civil Rights Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Mark E. Lomax at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 234; or via e-mail at [lomax@theiacp.org](mailto:lomax@theiacp.org).

### Indian Country Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the United States, First Nations or Aboriginal Law Enforcement Officers

The award is presented to an officer serving in Indian Country who has shown either exceptional valor or provided outstanding, exceptional service to Native peoples.



Left to right: Sergeant Jeff Simpkins, Ontario Provincial Police, Aboriginal Policing Bureau; Jim Molash: chair, IACP Indian Country Law Enforcement Section's Officer of the Year Committee, and security manager, Prairie Knights Casino, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Sergeant Jeff Simpkins was honored for his role in the development and implementation of the North of 50 Cops and KIDS program. This weeklong program, held in Pikangikum First Nation, is a benchmark in proactive initiatives for at-risk Aboriginal youth in Canada. His efforts made positive gains in children and youth who were effected by depression, suicide, and hopelessness as his program supported their growth into future leaders with pride in themselves and their communities.

**2010 applications due: August 15, 2010**

For more information about the Indian Country Officer of the Year Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Elaine Deck at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 843 or via e-mail at [decke@theiacp.org](mailto:decke@theiacp.org).

## Michael Shanahan Award for Excellence in Public/Private Cooperation

The Michael Shanahan Award for Excellence in Public/Private Cooperation, sponsored by the Security Industry Association, honors Chief Michael Shanahan (Retired), who served the University of Washington Police Department for 24 years before retiring in 1995. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the development and implementation of public/private cooperation for public safety. As a joint award it recognizes the efforts of law enforcement agencies and private sector organizations partnering to make a difference in communities.



Left to right: Dan Rosenblatt, IACP executive director; Mark Marshall, IACP second vice president; Mark Visbal, director of Research and Technology, Security Industry Association; Commander Rick Weil, Deerfield, Illinois, Police Department; Chief John Sliozis, Deerfield, Illinois, Police Department; Chief Russell B. Laine, IACP president; Stan Martin, executive director, Security Industry Alarm Coalition; Rocco Diina, co-chair, IACP Private Sector Liaison Committee; and Rad Jones, co-chair, IACP Private Sector Liaison Committee

The 2009 winner is the cooperative partnership between the Deerfield, Illinois, Police Department and the Lake Cook Regional Critical Incident Partnership (LCRCIP). LCRCIP is an organization comprising public agencies and community businesses in the southern Lake and northern Cook County region. The LCRCIP was developed and implemented to further public/private cooperation in public safety, focusing on emergency preparedness response to critical incidents using an all-hazards approach that includes resource development and mitigating the impact of critical incidents, especially for the private sector. After inception of this program, the Deerfield Police Department formed strong partnership ties with the entire LCRCIP and its local corporations: Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Baxter Healthcare, and Walgreens. Together, they developed mutual and respective goals and an understanding of how public and private resources exchange of information can complement and support each other's missions. In addition, the partnership

has led to greater overall efficiency and effectiveness and outstanding cooperation in public safety.

**2010 application due date: April 30, 2010.**

For more information about the Michael Shanahan Award for Excellence in Public/Private Cooperation, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Nancy Kolb at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 813, or via e-mail at [kolbn@theiacp.org](mailto:kolbn@theiacp.org).

## Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award

This award, sponsored by the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), recognizes volunteer programs that demonstrate innovative, effective practices for augmenting sworn or civilian staff and/or improving service delivery to their communities. Members of the IACP Police Administration Committee meet annually to judge the award applications and select up to three winning agencies. This year's award recipients are Chesterfield, Virginia, County Police Department; Mesa, Arizona, Police Department; and San Antonio, Texas; Police Department.



Accepting the award on behalf of their winning agencies were (left to right) Officer Juan Ayala, San Antonio, Texas, Police Department; Officer Linda Bailey, Mesa, Arizona, Police Department; and Colonel Thierry Guy Dupuis, Chesterfield County, Virginia, Police Department

Photo courtesy of Bill Cronin

## Chesterfield County, Virginia, Police Department

The Chesterfield County Police Department has 407 sworn police officers and 104 civilian personnel serving a population of 314,000 residents in suburban Richmond, Virginia. The volunteer program began in 1967 as a special police program that evolved into an auxiliary program and then developed into the present-day multifaceted volunteer program. Volunteers provide services to the Auxiliary Police, the Crime Solvers Board, the Law Enforcement Explorer Post, the Police Chaplain Program, Animal Control Assistance, the Police Foundation, the Motorist Assistance Team, the Volunteer Mail Courier Program, the Special Events Team, the Training Academy

Volunteer Actors, and the Neighborhood Watch Council. In addition, the volunteers assist the Forensic Unit, the Crime Prevention Unit, the Personnel Unit, the Property Unit, the Child Safety Office, and the Training Academy.

Since 2004, the program has increased from 120 to 216 volunteers. This past year, police volunteers contributed 36,274 hours of value-added services to the department and the community. Examples of tangible results include volunteers working with Crime Solvers, on 22,513 tips, leading to 5,725 crimes solved. In 2008, Animal Control took 10,150 calls for service resulting in 4,635 impounded animals. During 2008, the Motor Assistance Team assisted 603 disabled motorists, provided assistance at 328 crashes, attended 277 miscellaneous calls, and participated in 117 special events. The Spanish language volunteer provided instruction to more than 100 police recruits and 50 veteran officers.

## Mesa, Arizona, Police Department

The Mesa Police Department has approximately 1,300 employees serving a growing city of almost half a million people. The volunteer program began in 1990 with five volunteers and has grown to 146. Approximately one-third of the volunteers have served more than five years, including 11 volunteers who have provided more than 15 years of service. Volunteers provide services in a wide range of assignments throughout the department, assisting with processing DUI suspects, monitoring vehicle speed, collecting information, and following up on current and older unsolved cases. In 2008, the Mesa Police Department was the first agency in Arizona to establish a crime scene technician volunteer position. After classroom and field training, volunteers who are assigned these duties work independently, processing crime scenes and increasing the department's ability to offer additional support for ongoing investigations.

Volunteers provide support in Spanish translation services, assisting victims at the Center Against Family Violence, the training academy, technical support for the department's computer center, operating stationary radar in support of traffic enforcement operations, assisting with logging and transporting evidence for the Forensic Services Section's Biology Unit, and maintaining a media archive in the Media Relations Office among other areas. The Mesa Police Department was the first agency in Arizona to have volunteers use license plate reader equipment to locate stolen vehicles and conduct background interviews for volunteer applicants. In 2008, volunteers contributed 22,585 hours for an added value to the department and the community of \$457,346.



### San Antonio, Texas, Police Department

The San Antonio Police Department has approximately 600 volunteers, ranging in age from 18 to 90 years old, who assist a police department of 2,000 sworn officers and a city population of approximately 1.3 million people. The volunteer program began in 1997, and over the past 11 years, more than 2,000 San Antonio citizens have participated.

Volunteers provide assistance to many areas and units, including Homicide, Sex Crimes, Juvenile Records, Court Liaison, Vehicle and Property Crimes, Arson and Special Crimes, Internal Affairs, the Crime Stoppers Program, the Training Academy, the Canine Unit, the Public Information Office, the Photo Lab, and the Helicopter Unit. In addition, volunteers assist the department by participating in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Warrant Drive Enforcers Program, and the Citizens Observers Auto Theft Surveillance Team. Volunteers also provide their help to the Family Assistance Crisis Team (FACT) for domestic violence victim assistance and the Blue Santa Program, which organizes food transports and toy donations and distribution. In addition, six retired and experienced police detectives have volunteered as open-unsolved case homicide reviewers since 2007.

The Public Safety Team issues handicap parking tickets and educates the public regarding handicap parking laws. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association provides support to the Training Academy, and the Graffiti Enforcement Unit utilizes 50 volunteers to staff a new closed-circuit TV monitoring station.

In 2008, the CERT provided 3,500 hours of service during hurricanes Dolly, Gustav, and Ike, as well as Tropical Storm Eduard. In early 2009, the department participated in the Texas Warrant Round-up. The efforts of 15 volunteers helped officers clear 19,255 warrants. FACT volunteers provided 10,110 hours of services to victims of domestic violence in one year.

### 2010 applications due: May 17, 2010

For more information about the Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Carolyn Cockcroft at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 206; or via e-mail at [cockcroft@theiacp.org](mailto:cockcroft@theiacp.org).

### IACP August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award

The August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award honors the proactive, innovative use of forensic technologies by law enforcement and recognizes the sig-

nificant impact forensic science has on the criminal justice system.

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

- Innovation in Forensic Technology
- Significant Investigative Value in a Major Crime
- Current or Past Contribution to Forensic Science by Police Agency
- Enhancement of Forensic Capability by a Forensic Science Provider
- Current or Past Contribution to Forensic Science by an Individual
- Current or Past Collaboration in Forensic Science



Left to right: Dr. Ray Prime, IACP Forensic Committee co-chair, director, Centre of Forensic Sciences; Mr. Rocky Edwards, Santa Ana, California, Police Department; Walter A. McNeil, secretary, Florida Department of Corrections, IACP third vice president; and Detective Louie Martinez, Santa Ana, California, Police Department

### Innovation in Forensic Technology: Detective Louie Martinez, Detective Ferrell Buckels, and Mr. Rocky Edwards, Santa Ana Police Department

Detective Martinez, Detective Buckels, and Mr. Edwards of the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD) were able to solve a cold homicide case and obtain a conviction by calling upon experience and utilizing cutting-edge 3D imaging not available a few years ago.

From the beginning, police in Orange County, California, had a prime suspect in the March 1994 homicide of Philip Cousins. Cousins had argued shortly before his death with an employee named Doug Mireles, but police were never able to match the bullets taken from Cousins' body with the gun seized from Mireles' home.

At that time the barrel of the gun had been tampered with and damaged so badly that the 1990s examination techniques made it impossible for ballistics experts to connect the fatal bullets to the suspected killer. The case remained unsolved. In 2006, Detective Martinez and his partner, retired Detective Buckels, began looking at dozens of unsolved homicides, including the Cousins murder. The detectives retrieved Mireles' chopped-up gun out of the evidence

locker and determined that a top quarter-inch of the part of the barrel nearest to the muzzle may provide evidence. By using the Integrated Ballistic Identification System Bullettrax-3D system, highly detailed pictures of a bullet's surface was obtained. Re-testing the bullet that killed Cousins, comparing it with other bullets fired from Mireles's gun, revealed clear correlation between the scratches on the autopsy bullet and the test bullets where they had passed through a tiny part of the gun barrel in 1994. Armed with the 3D images, Edwards knew which area of the bullet to concentrate on when confirming his findings on the comparison microscope. The striations on the bullets and the marks inside the gun barrel showed that Mireles' gun had fired the bullets in Cousins's murder, including the one the coroner had recovered during Cousins's autopsy.

Mireles was arrested in 2007; indicted by a grand jury; and, in 2009, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 28 years in prison for first-degree murder.



Left to right: Dr. Ray Prime, IACP Forensic Committee co-chair, director, Centre of Forensic Sciences; Ms. Irma Rios, assistant director, Houston, Texas, Police Department, Crime Laboratory; and Walter A. McNeil, IACP third vice president, secretary, Florida Department of Corrections

### Significant Investigative Value in a Major Crime: Houston, Texas, Police Department, Crime Laboratory Division, Firearms Section

The Firearms Section of the Houston Police Department (HPD) Crime Laboratory Division utilized the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) to link firearms evidence in 12 different investigations involving members of the La Tercera Crips (LTC) gang over a 10-month period. These diligent efforts resulted in the arrest of eight gang members and the recovery of some of the murder weapons.

Because of the innovative, aggressive approach to ballistic imaging, firearms section personnel were able to image firearms and fired evidence recovered in an investigation and determine if the same firearm was used in the commission of more than one crime all within a 24-hour window. It is extremely rare to find an IBIS site around

the country that has implemented this structure. With many of the LTC incidents occurring within weeks of each other, firearms section personnel were able to relay the hit information quickly to detectives, allowing them to move rapidly in associating suspects to crimes.

The notification procedure and diagram utilized to inform detectives of the hits were also innovative. Firearms section personnel have established points of contact in the investigative divisions of HPD to disseminate quickly the hit information resulting from IBIS entries. Using the diagram gave detectives a better understanding of how the different crimes were related.



Left to right: Walter A. McNeil, IACP third vice president, secretary, Florida Department of Corrections; Mr. David Epstein, chief operating officer, National Forensic Science Technology Center; Mr. Kevin Lothridge, CEO, National Forensic Science Technology Center; and Dr. Ray Prime, IACP Forensic Committee co-chair, director, Centre of Forensic Sciences

### **Contribution to Forensic Science by a Police Agency: Mr. Kevin Lothridge, National Forensic Science Technology Center**

The National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC) developed the Deployable Forensic Laboratory as an enhancement to forensic capabilities used to address backlogs or interruptions of service due to disaster or construction. This technical assistance tool provides moveable, flexible laboratory space that can supplement existing crime analysis capabilities, or replace them, when necessary, in an innovative and efficient way. Developed in partnership with the Department of Defense and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the NFSTC deployable laboratories make a critical difference to local or national forces when needed.

In 2008, the NFSTC deployable forensic laboratories supported the public crime laboratory run by the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Police Department. The worst flooding in the city's history submerged 1,300 city blocks, required the evacuation of 24,000 people, and put the city's crime laboratory under eight feet of water. Much of the forensic equipment was destroyed and the build-

ings were immediately unavailable and remained so during the major renovations that followed.

After the flood, the Cedar Rapids Police Department moved its forensic operations to an unventilated garage for a few months, but difficulties with cross-contamination, security, and record cold temperatures created an untenable situation. With funding from the National Institute of Justice, a deployable forensic laboratory was made available to the department. Once the laboratory and equipment arrived, it was set up in the police department parking lot, and, in just a few hours, the laboratory was fully operational and the forensics team could return to processing evidence at a normal rate. The police department's crime scene investigation unit is fully operational thanks to the help of NFSTC's deployable forensic laboratory.



Left to right: Dr. Ray Prime, IACP Forensic Committee co-chair, director, Centre of Forensic Sciences; Ms. Nelly Miles, Chemistry Section manager, Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Mr. Vernon Keenan, director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation; and Walter A. McNeil, IACP third vice president, secretary, Florida Department of Corrections

### **Enhancement of Forensic Capability by a Forensic Science Provider: Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Division of Forensic Sciences**

To address the challenges of increased evidence submissions and the resulting backlogs, scientist retention issues and the resulting training issues for new scientists, and funding challenges that result in ongoing vacant positions, the crime laboratory's management decided to impact operations in the Drug Chemistry section by shifting the identification of marijuana from the state crime laboratory to local law enforcement agencies.

The crime laboratory strengthened its Marijuana-Certified Examiner course, designed to train officers to test and identify marijuana, by extending the course from one to two days, adding instruction in the areas of sampling and legal matters, and providing courtroom training. The course requires successful completion of a proficiency test as well as a written examination. Upon completion of the course, the officers are authorized by the labo-

ratory to perform analysis on suspected marijuana samples.

In January 2007, laboratory staff began conducting assistance visits for each agency that employs certified marijuana examiners and is performing marijuana testing. These assistance visits, which occur every three years per agency, help ensure the quality of the testing that is occurring and make the program more defensible in court, while also providing an opportunity for the Division of Forensic Sciences staff to respond to questions regarding forensic analysis and crime laboratory-related concerns.

In May 2006, a certified officer's testimony was challenged in court. The trial court issued a favorable ruling, which was affirmed by the Georgia Court of Appeals. On June 12, 2006, in the case of *Carson v. Georgia*, 280 Ga. App. 595, the Court of Appeals declared that officers trained and certified through the Marijuana-Certified Examiner's course are able to testify in court regarding their conclusions.



Left to right: Walter A. McNeil, IACP third vice president, secretary, Florida Department of Corrections; Mr. David S. Shaver, supervisory special agent/forensic examiner, Computer Crime Investigative Unit, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command; and Dr. Ray Prime, IACP Forensic Committee co-chair, director, Centre of Forensic Sciences

### **Contribution to Forensic Science by an Individual: Special Agent David S. Shaver, Computer Crime Investigative Unit, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command**

Over the past 10 years, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) David Shaver has distinguished himself in the field of computer forensic science as a leader and technical visionary developing innovative forensic utilities and methodologies that have greatly benefited the forensic and law enforcement communities. As the Forensic Team Chief for the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit (CCIU), SSA Shaver led by example and personally conducted and/or supervised over 200 examinations; these forensic examinations contributed to investigative successes throughout CCIU and the Army.

SSA Shaver developed the Rapid Extraction and Analysis Program (REAP)



that allows non-CCIU personnel to preserve and collect digital evidence in an automated manner during computer intrusion response activities, expedites dissemination of critical threat information to network defenders, and facilitates the analysis of malicious software. SSA Shaver's computer forensics expertise also resulted in requests from the Department of Defense Criminal Investigation Task Force to support extremely sensitive criminal investigations involving the Global War on Terror. In response to these unique investigative requirements, SSA Shaver developed an innovative methodology for using the Virtual Machine utility that has revolutionized interrogation techniques. Virtual Machine allows field agents to examine a forensic copy of the suspect's computer in a virtual manner that replicates all aspects of the computer, including the screensaver, desktop wallpaper, files, and installed programs; this approach represents a quantum leap beyond previous examination methodologies that frequently proved difficult and cumbersome for field agents and prosecutors.

**2010 applications are due no later than April 16, 2010.**

For more information about the August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Aviva Kurash at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 809; or via e-mail at [kurasha@theiacp.org](mailto:kurasha@theiacp.org).

## Excellence in Law Enforcement Research Award

The IACP Research Advisory Committee (RAC) has established a yearly research award to be given to a law enforcement agency for research performed either with a research partner or exclusively by the agency. The purpose of the award is to promote innovative research in policing that ultimately enhances police performance and public safety.



Left to right: Dr. Charles F. Wellford, University of Maryland; Chief Susan Riseling, University of Wisconsin—Madison Police Department, IACP vice president at large; Chief Ronal W. Serpas, Metropolitan

Nashville Police Department; Chief Superintendent Nora Skelding, Ontario Provincial Police; Inspector Craig Duffin, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Daniel Gillison, national director, Sprint Nextel; and John Firman, director, IACP Research Center

In 1999, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ontario Provincial Police began collaborating on an initiative to replace outdated resourcing and deployment tools. A National Resourcing Task Force was established and included subject matter experts in the field of mathematics and operational research, as well as police personnel experienced in police resourcing and deployment. The result of this initiative is the creation of a new resourcing tool that meets the needs of two large, diverse, and geographically dispersed police agencies. This included the development of a prototype in 2003, evolving to a refined working model in 2007, with training and implementation in 2008 and 2009.

**2010 applications due: June 30, 2010**

For more information about the Excellence in Law Enforcement Research Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Carrie Corsoro at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 392; or via e-mail at [corsoro@theiacp.org](mailto:corsoro@theiacp.org).

## IACP/LogIn Excellence in Victim Services Award

This award recognizes law enforcement agencies that have developed and implemented innovative strategies for providing comprehensive services to victims of crime. The 2009 Excellence in Victim Services Award recipients are the State College, Pennsylvania, Police Department; the Irvine, California, Police Department; the Arlington, Texas, Police Department; and the Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee.



Left to right: Carroll Ann Ellis, director, Victim Services Division, Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department; Chief Thomas King, State College, Pennsylvania, Police Department; Chief Carl Wolf, vice president/treasurer, IACP; and Joye Frost, acting director, Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

## Smaller Agency Award: State College, Pennsylvania, Police Department, Victim Centered Intensive Case Management Unit (VCICM), State College, Pennsylvania

The State College, Pennsylvania, Police Department created the Victim Centered Intensive Case Management (VCICM) Unit in 2006 to centralize and coordinate the response to domestic violence and stalking cases, to improve the criminal justice response to victims, and to increase victim safety by improving the accountability of offenders. The unit works diligently to oversee the county's response to victims and strives to ensure victims are treated with empathy and respect throughout the investigative and judicial processes.



Left to right: Carroll Ann Ellis, director, Victim Services Division, Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department; Commander Mike Hamel, Irvine, California, Police Department; Detective Sergeant John Condon, Irvine, California, Police Department; Chief Carl Wolf, vice president/treasurer, IACP; Chief David L. Maggard Jr. Irvine, California, Police Department; and Joye Frost, acting director, Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

## Medium Agency Category: Irvine Police Department, Family Violence Prevention Project, Irvine, California

The Irvine, California, Police Department's (IPD) victim response philosophy is that any comprehensive victim response initiative must also consider prevention, and that the term "victim" should include family members, neighbors, or friends who are emotionally or financially impacted by a criminal act. Leadership within IPD has created a Family Violence Prevention Focus Group wherein partners, including sworn and civilian members, currently participate with the mission of the Family Violence Prevention Project to implement sustainable and proactive strategies to reduce the occurrence of family violence while increasing the rate of victim reporting.



Left to right: Carroll Ann Ellis, director, Victim Services Division, Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department; Derrellynn Perryman, LCSW, victim services coordinator, Arlington, Texas, Police Department; Chief Carl Wolf, vice president/treasurer, IACP; Chief Theron L. Bowman, Ph.D., Arlington, Texas, Police Department; and Joye Frost, acting director, Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

### Large Agency Category: Arlington Police Department, Victim Assistance Program, Arlington, Texas

The Arlington, Texas, Police Department created its Victim Assistance Program to provide services to victims and family members with the goal of lessening the short- and long-term trauma experienced as a direct result of victimization. Services to victims provided through the program include crisis intervention and follow-up assistance, facilitating utilization of available resources, safety planning, guiding victims through the criminal justice system process, and assisting victims with identified short- and long-term needs.



Left to right: Carroll Ann Ellis, director, Victim Services Division, Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department; Carol Gipson, Ph.D., Domestic Violence Crisis Counseling supervisor, Metropolitan Police Department; Lorraine W. Greene, Ph.D., executive staff and manager, Behavioral Health Services Division, Metropolitan Police Department; Chief Carl Wolf, vice president/treasurer, IACP; Amy Griffith Taylor, MSSW, Victim Intervention Program Crisis Counseling supervisor, Metropolitan Police Department; and Joye Frost, acting director, Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

### Extra Large Agency Category: Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville and Davidson County, Integrated Victim Services, Nashville, Tennessee

The Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville and Davidson County, Ten-

nessee, has instituted, supported, and continuously expanded programs to respond to the needs of crime victims, their family members, and others affected by the crime within the community for over 35 years. Although the components of the services have evolved throughout their history as needs of the community have changed, the department has always held to the premise that anyone affected by violent crime should be offered free and immediate crisis intervention and follow-up counseling.

Agencies selected as honorable mentions were the University of New Hampshire Police Department; the Abington, Pennsylvania, Township Police Department; the Mesa, Arizona, Police Department; and the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Police Department.

**2010 applications due: May 1, 2010**

For more information about the IACP/LogIn Excellence in Victim Services Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Keely McCarthy at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 810; or via e-mail at [mccarthy@theiacp.org](mailto:mccarthy@theiacp.org).

### 2009 Looking Beyond the License Plate Program

This annual award recognizes the vital role that license plates play in solving serious, non-traffic crimes. The Highway Safety Committee, in partnership with 3M's Traffic Safety Systems Division, selects the law enforcement officer who demonstrates the most initiative in solving a serious crime via this vital, cost-effective, and readily identifiable tool, the display of which is mandated in every state/province and the information concerning which is virtually instantly accessible to police officers employing current technologies.



Left to right: J.D. Sobol, 3M professional services manager; Sergeant Darron D. Conrad and Sheriff E. S. Gentry, Gloucester County, Virginia, Sheriff's Office; and Anoop K. Gupta, 3M marketing manager

### Sergeant Darron D. Conrad, Gloucester County, Virginia, Sheriff's Office

On October 22, 2008, Sergeant Conrad observed a vehicle, the rear registra-

tion plate of which was bug-splattered. He surmised that such a plate was consistent with one typically appearing on the front of a vehicle, queried the registration number via the Virginia Crime Information Network, and found that the plate in question was registered to another vehicle. Upon initiating a traffic stop on the vehicle, Sergeant Conrad learned that its operator, who admitted that the bug-splattered plate belonged on a different vehicle, was driving on a suspended driver's license. During the course of the stop, Sergeant Conrad detected the odor of marijuana in the vehicle; a subsequent search of both the driver and the vehicle revealed two morphine pills in one of the driver's pockets, a fully loaded handgun with its serial number obliterated in the driver's door compartment, four baggies of marijuana, and a digital scale. The driver was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, felony possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription, possession with intent to sell marijuana, concealed weapon, and altering/defacing/destroying the serial number on a firearm.

Sergeant Conrad was selected as the 2007 grand prize winner for apprehending two suspects involved in the armed robbery and attempted first-degree murder of a Maryland restaurant manager. He is the only officer to have twice received this award.

**2010 applications due: May 31, 2010**

For more information about the 2010 Looking Beyond the License Plate Program, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org) or contact Dick Ashton at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 276; or via e-mail at [ashtonr@theiacp.org](mailto:ashtonr@theiacp.org).

### J. Stannard Baker Award for Highway Safety

The prestigious J. Stannard Baker Award annually recognizes individual lifetime contributions to highway safety. Law enforcement officers of state, county, metropolitan, or municipal agencies, as well as other private or public sector representatives, are selected by the IACP Highway Safety Committee for their sustained, continuous, career-spanning, and unusual initiative and creativity in developing and implementing highway safety programs within their agencies or within the communities they serve. The award is presented by the IACP, in collaboration with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.





Left to right: Lieutenant Colonel Silvester Dawson, Lieutenant William H. Leeper, and Colonel John T. Czernis, all of the Florida Highway Patrol

### Lieutenant William H. Leeper, Florida Highway Patrol, Jacksonville, Florida

Lieutenant Leeper is recognized for developing, implementing, and promoting numerous traffic safety programs within the state of Florida during his more than 32 years' service with the Florida Highway Patrol. In his current position as a public affairs officer, he has passionately supported myriad traffic safety programs and has championed virtually every aspect of safe vehicle operation.



Left to Right: Chief Michael J. Capriglione, Newport, Delaware, Police Department, and his fiancée Heather A. Argue

### Chief Michael J. Capriglione, Newport, Delaware, Police Department

Chief Capriglione is recognized for developing, implementing, and promoting traffic safety programs within the state of Delaware during his 28 years as Chief of Police of Newport. He not only has worked conscientiously to ensure that effective and safe strategies are devised, but he always has chosen to be "where the rubber meets the road." New Castle County's "Checkpoint Strikeforce," for example, has accounted for 71 percent of the entire state's enforcement activities in this campaign while

making only 44 percent of the total vehicle contacts.



Left to right: Illinois Senator John J. Cullerton and Highway Safety Committee member and Assistant Chief Steven R. Casstevens, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, Police Department

Photo courtesy of Chief Casstevens

### The Honorable John J. Cullerton, President of the Illinois Senate, Chicago, Illinois

Senator Cullerton is recognized for drafting and promoting traffic safety legislation within the state of Illinois during his 30-year tenure in its legislature. He has consistently supported bills to make the roadways safer for drivers and passengers, among which are those mandating more effective occupant protection, DUI, and graduated driver's licensing measures.

Complete descriptions of these individuals' achievements can be found at the highway safety awards section of the IACP Web site [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org).

### 2010 applications due: May 14, 2010

For more information about the 2010 J. Stannard Baker Award for Highway Safety, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Dick Ashton at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 276; or via e-mail at [ashtondr@theiacp.org](mailto:ashtondr@theiacp.org).

### Vehicle Theft Award of Merit

This award recognizes annually up to five categories of law enforcement agencies, task forces, councils, community partnerships, and other theft prevention alliances for their outstanding contributions to vehicle theft prevention and/or enforcement. A new award was launched in 2008 to recognize an individual law enforcement officer's outstanding efforts in this realm. Entries are judged by the Vehicle Theft Committee on initiative, use of available resources, and overall results. This program is supported by the ATX Group, LoJack Corporation,

OnStar by GM, and Remington ELSAG Law Enforcement Systems, LLC.



Left to right: Mr. Patrick Gendreau and Chief Pierre Goupil, of the Aéroports de Montréal's Airport Patrol

### Agency (251-1,000 Officers) Recognition: The Aéroports de Montréal's Airport Patrol

The Aéroports de Montréal's Airport Patrol is responsible for the operation of the Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, as well as the Montréal-Mirabel International Airport. Approximately 1.7 million vehicles each year park in the 12,395 available spaces at the Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport. In 2005, 224 vehicle thefts occurred, but only 36 were recorded in 2008, an 84 percent decrease. Moreover, only five vehicles were reported stolen between January 1 and May 11, 2009. The dramatic decline resulted from the Airport Patrol's ambitious and successful program.

### Agency Recognition (1,001 + Officers): The Chungbuk Provincial Police Agency, South Korea

Through the use of high-tech scientific policing devices, the Chungbuk Provincial Police Agency was able to clear by arrest 39 vehicle thefts in 2008, compared to 32 in 2007, an increase of 20 percent; and anticipated many more clearances once all of its technology is in place.

### Multi-Agency Task Force Recognition: The San Diego, California, Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT), represented by Commissioner Joseph A. Farrow, California Highway Patrol

This is a multi-agency task force comprised of 13 local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies that undertook two major efforts: First, Operation Knee Drag targeted the theft of "sport type" motorcycles in southern San Diego County, many of which occurred on military bases and/or affected military personnel. These thefts were undertaken by small, independent cells who communicated to various degrees with one another, who were involved with Mexican drug cartels, and who rode the stolen motorcycles directly to Mexican chop shops. One of

these cells was infiltrated and dismantled after 12 months, with 74 arrests and 60 stolen motorcycle recoveries.

The second effort, involved the arrest of 75 persons in Operation Northern Alliance where five detectives recovered 175 vehicles with an estimated value of more than \$1.2 million. Thefts in each of the five North County regions declined by at least 15 percent and by as much as 24 percent in 2008 compared to 2007.



Left to right: Patrick Clancy, vice president of law enforcement, LoJack Corporation; Mrs. Sally Terp; Major Greg Terp, Miami-Dade, Florida, Police Department; Jerry Cole, West Coast director, LoJack Corporation

Photo courtesy of Erin Schrad

### Individual Recognition: Major Greg Terp, of the Miami-Dade, Florida, Police Department

Major Greg Terp has devoted himself to deterring, investigating, and prosecuting vehicle theft. Between 1996 and 2007, he commanded the Miami-Dade Multi-Agency Auto Theft Task Force and served during that assignment as the chair—and now as a board member—of the North American Export Committee. He has actively supported the full implementation and funding of the Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992, including the complete development of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) with access available to law enforcement.

He researched means by which to scan cargo containers and settled on radiation portal monitors that did not impede commerce or generate unreasonable costs, had a prototype developed, and tested it at the Port of Miami. The test was so successful that these monitors are now being utilized at the top 80 ports in the United States and has resulted in all containers arriving at the Port of Miami being scanned for stolen vehicles.

The Miami-Dade Multi-Agency Auto Theft Task Force successfully piloted in 2006 and 2007, automated license plate recognition (ALPR) units, the use of which eventually spread to robbery and gang investigations, as well as to intelligence gathering in homeland security matters.

Major Terp has assisted U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in develop-

ing the Auto Theft Interdiction Program, the purpose of which will be to provide members of state and local law enforcement with CBP authority to assist in inspecting cargo containers and in seizing stolen vehicles and other items. This program is expected to be implemented in the near future.

### 2010 applications due: May 10, 2010

For more information about the 2010 Vehicle Theft Award of Merit, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Dick Ashton at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 276; or via e-mail at [ashtonr@theiacp.org](mailto:ashtonr@theiacp.org).

### 2009 Excellence in Police Aviation Award

This year, three awards were presented by the IACP Aviation Committee and Bell Helicopter Textron: one to recognize an individual who holds a management or leadership position in police aviation and two honoring aviation units that exemplify excellence in airborne law enforcement. These awards emphasize initiatives to enhance the general level and safety of operations, the accident prevention programs, and the efficiency and effectiveness of airborne law enforcement.



Left to right: Assistant Chief John Meza, Mesa Police Department; Chief Pilot Steve Raether, Mesa Police Aviation; Chief Donald L. Shinnamon Sr., chair, IACP Aviation Committee; and Paul Pitts, Bell Helicopter

### Large Unit—Mesa Police Department Aviation Unit, Mesa, AZ

Safety is an important issue for this unit. Members of the unit demonstrate their commitment to it through their leadership role in aviation safety. The year 2009 marked the tenth time they sponsored the Phoenix Metro Area annual safety fly-in; participants included over 100 aviators from EMS operations, law enforcement, the media, Federal Aviation Administration, control towers, training schools, and helicopter businesses.

In 2008, unit members accomplished the following:

- Flew 3,500 hours in support of patrol operations, surveillances, and special missions

- Played a primary role in effecting 480 arrests
- Recovered over 1,000 stolen automobiles
- Located 32 missing persons
- Responded to 8,526 calls for service
- Responded to 296 calls for service for police and fire from other agencies



Left to right: Chief James Johnson, Baltimore County, Maryland, Police Department; Sergeant Ron Wines, Aviation Unit supervisor; Chief Donald L. Shinnamon Sr., chair, IACP Aviation Committee; and Paul Pitts, Bell Helicopter

### Small Unit—Baltimore County Police Aviation Unit, Baltimore, MD

Safety has been a significant core value for the Baltimore County, Maryland, Police Aviation Unit, and, since it began in 1983, it has not had a single aircraft accident. In 2008, the unit adopted the International Helicopter Safety Team's Safety Management System (SMS) into its daily operations.

In 2008, the unit members accomplished the following:

- Flew 1,913 missions
- Logged 2,007 flight hours
- Were instrumental in 441 arrest assists
- Located 29 missing persons
- Made 25 LOJACK recoveries
- Flew 161 Homeland Security Missions for the Port of Baltimore

The unit has shared its services on a regional basis with other local, state, and federal agencies, further exemplifying a spirit of cooperation that adds value to all its mission activities.



Left to right: Chief John R. Batiste, Washington State Patrol; Lieutenant Tristan Atkins; Police Chief Donald L. Shinnamon Sr., Port St. Lucie, Florida, Police Department, chair, IACP Aviation Committee; and Paul Pitts, Bell Helicopter



### Individual—Lieutenant Tristan Atkins, Washington State Patrol, Olympia, Washington

Lieutenant Atkins is a 23-year veteran of the Washington State Patrol, who has also served for 28 years as a U.S. Army aviator, with the current military rank of colonel. He has over 2,000 hours of flying experience, primarily in helicopters and turbine aircraft.

Lieutenant Atkins is an innovator in law enforcement aviation, who has pioneered new programs and partnerships throughout the state of Washington in the law enforcement community. His philosophy and convictions about law enforcement aviation safety and aircraft mishap prevention are based on his view that all aircraft mishaps can be prevented and that prevention is an inherent function of management. He has made this philosophy the core value of his agency's aviation section.

**2010 applications due: May 31, 2010.**

For more information about the 2010 IACP Excellence in Police Aviation Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Mike Fergus, staff liaison, at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-ICAP, extension 811; or via e-mail at [fergus@theiacp.org](mailto:fergus@theiacp.org).

### The IACP Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigation

Sponsored by West Government Services, the award for Excellence in Criminal Investigations recognizes quality achievement and innovation in managing and conducting criminal investigations with the goal of sharing information to advance the art and science of criminal investigations. Evaluation criteria are based on (1) innovation in the development or enhancement of investigative techniques, (2) the significance of the contribution to the advancement of the art or science of criminal investigation, and (3) exceptional achievement in managing or conducting a criminal investigation.



Left to right: Russell Laine, IACP president; Lieutenant Corporal James Whalen, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department; Dr. Robin S. Engel, University of Cincinnati; Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department; Steve Rubley, vice president and general manager, West Government Services; and Captain Daniel Gerard, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department

### 1st Place Winner: Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department

In May 2008, the Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department initiated what became the largest criminal gang investigation and prosecution in its history and the history of Hamilton County, Ohio. Involved in the investigation were many specialized units of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department; state and county parole and probation agencies; the ATF and the United States Attorney's Office, and the support and research of the University of Cincinnati. What made this a different organized "gang" investigation was the methodology of this overall investigation.

A data driven approach, supported by University of Cincinnati research, was used to connect gang members, corroborate criminal activity, report intelligence information, and show a criminal conspiracy. New ways to obtain critical information to identify major players who were not involved in day-to-day activity were used.

With the help of academic partners, the department created a database to link all the information that was obtained. The database documents "gang admitted" activity across social Internet sites using social network analysis software. With this analysis, the gang members were systematically identified and empirically validated. These statistical analyses allowed investigators to determine the impact of individual players within the criminal network and provided an independent official source documenting the network for prosecution.

In other words, the investigative team "thought outside the box" looking at new ways to collect and document evidence that have not been integrated in similar major investigations of this type.



Left to right: Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge Ed Lowery, U.S. Secret Service; Sergeant Dawn Colon, Miami-Dade Police Department; Assistant to the Special Agent-in-Charge Brian Camerieri, U.S. Secret Service; Special Agent Peter Gannon, U.S. Secret Service; Assistant to the Special Agent-in-Charge James Meehan, U.S. Secret Service; Special Agent Ken Graf, U.S. Secret Service; Special Agent Richard Latulip, U.S. Secret Service; and Director Bobby Parker, Miami-Dade Police Department

### 2nd Place Winner: United States Secret Service

In April 2005, the Secret Service targeted a high-level Ukrainian national suspect only known by the name of "Maksik" who was believed to be the most prolific vendor of compromised credit card numbers in the world. Over the next year, through undercover meetings with Maksik in different locations around the world, extensive investigation, and forensic examination of data obtained from him, agents were able to link additional high-level targets to multiple network intrusions.

Based on the knowledge gained in the Maksik investigation and with the cooperation of the private sector, two other key suspects were identified as the primary architects behind these network cyber attacks. Additional information developed by an officer of the Miami-Dade Police Department led to the identity of the persons responsible for the actual intrusion on the TJX Corporation. Maksik and other associates were indicted and, subsequently, arrested in various countries in 2008.

When Maksik was arrested in Turkey, a computer seized from him had approximately 7 million stolen credit card numbers on it. In the TJX intrusion, over 100 million credit card accounts were compromised with a potential fraud loss of \$50 billion. In another seizure, a computer was found that contained approximately 37 million credit card numbers.

The expanding use of computer technology to commit crimes around the world with co-conspirators that do not know the identity of each other and might cause the loss of billions of dollars to the general public and corporations makes this case significant.



Left to right: Sergeant Manse Sinky, University of California, Irvine Police Department; Sergeant Shaun Devlin, University of California, Irvine Police Department; Corporal Caroline Altamirano, University of California, Irvine Police Department; Investigator Patsy Williams, Dallas County, Texas, District Attorney's Office; Sergeant Tony Frisbee, University of California, Irvine Police Department; Isaac Straley, University of California, Irvine Information Technology Manager; and Chief Paul Henisey, University of California, Irvine Police Department

### 3rd Place Winner: University of California at Irvine Police Department

In March 2008, over 200 tax fraud refunds were reported to the University of California at Irvine administration by students who reported when they filed their income taxes for year 2007 someone had already fraudulently filed tax returns for them and received their refunds. The administration referred the incidents to the University of California at Irvine Police Department (UCI-PD). The UCI-PD has 31 sworn officers of which 3 are investigators. UCI-PD investigators interviewed all victims of the tax fraud and identity theft. The matter was then referred to the IRS Criminal Investigative Division with an offer by UCI-PD to assist in further investigation.

Facing lawsuits and compromise of student identity issues the administration requested updates in the investigation through UCI-PD, however UCI-PD was told federal privacy laws were involved and they could not share information. A decision was made by the UCI-PD to continue its investigation and report any information developed to the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division (IRS CID). After analyzing all the data from interviews and investigation, the investigators decided to focus on tax preparers in Dallas, Texas. The UCI-PD investigators contacted the Dallas District Attorney's Office and requested assistance in their investigation. The Dallas District Attorney's Office agreed to support the investigation with their investigator. UCI-PD investigators traveled to Dallas and worked in a joint investigation under the Dallas District Attorney's Office. The investigative team identified key suspects including a United Healthcare employee who was responsible for accessing 193 of the UCI students' personal information online. All of their investigative effort was reported on a continuing basis to the IRS CID. A warrant was issued by the Dallas District Attorney's Office for the arrest of the United Healthcare employee, and, after that arrest, a subsequent federal indictment for him and five other people was returned by a federal grand jury. Prosecution is continuing by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas.

The UCI-PD investigation was commended for conducting a significant investigation for the university with limited resources and cited as best practices for small police agencies and as an example of excellence in investigation.

**2010 applications due: June 1, 2010**

For more information about the IACP Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigation, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Phil Lynn at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 324; or via e-mail at [lynnp@theiacp.org](mailto:lynnp@theiacp.org).

### 2009 IACP/Cisco Community Policing Awards

Since 1998, the IACP's Community Policing Committee has recognized outstanding community policing initiatives undertaken by law enforcement agencies worldwide through the annual IACP/Cisco Community Policing Award sponsored by Cisco Systems. The award identifies and rewards best practices in community policing by recognizing police organizations who utilize the power of community policing, through collaboration and partnerships, to make local, national and global communities safer from crime and terrorism. The winners and finalists provide a framework for improved police services on issues that are specific to individual communities but are also pertinent to communities around the world.

The Community Policing Award is presented in five categories for law enforcement agencies that serve populations of varying sizes. Additionally, agencies that use community policing philosophies in the furtherance of homeland security initiatives are eligible for special homeland security recognition.



Left to right: Russell B. Laine, IACP president; and Bill Brydon, Canso district commander, RCMP

### Agency Serving a Population of Fewer than 20,000: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Guysborough County District, Canso Office, Nova Scotia, Canada

In the early 1990's, the Town of Canso, population 1,000, was devastated by the collapse of the Atlantic Ground Fishery, which was its major industry. Youth began disengaging from a pro-social life and began to utilize crime, substance abuse, and violence to escape their existence. The Canso RCMP organized a working group of community agencies and citizens to problem solve the issues facing their youth, thus creating the Eastern Communities Youth Association (ECYA).

The association started a youth center that offered educational programs addressing the alcohol and drug issues as well as creating positive activities and alternatives for youth. The Canso Academy donated space in its building for the youth center. Through ECYA and Canso RCMP's tenacity, time, and creativity, they have sustained this program that started initially from grant funding and created a self-sustaining, community-supported effort through an annual citywide fundraiser. Results from follow-up surveys in 2004, 2006, and 2009, compared to data from the initial 1999 youth survey, show that while youth still identify drugs, alcohol use, and boredom as problems, the youth center and the Canso RCMP have successfully impacted the juvenile crime rate to achieve a 70 percent crime reduction from 2008 to June 2009 and an overall crime reduction of 75 percent since 1999.

Judges selected one finalist in this category, the Suwanee, Georgia, Police Department for its Police and Citizens Together Initiative that assigned a personal officer to every neighborhood in its fast-growing community.



Left to right: Captain Craig Smith, Wilson, North Carolina, Police Department; Russell B. Laine, IACP president; Police Chaplain Michael Clanton, Wilson, North Carolina, Police Department; Chief Harry Tyson, Wilson, North Carolina, Police Department; and Captain Scott Biddle, Wilson, North Carolina, Police Department

### Agency Serving a Population of 20,001 to 50,000: Wilson, North Carolina, Police Department

The Wilson Police Department began its successful Snowden Drive Initiative that focused not only on addressing crime problems, but also on rebuilding strained relationships by mobilizing this community through the assistance of My Brother's Keepers, a group comprised of clergy members from local churches. This group played a significant role building a partnership between the community and the police to work jointly on crime problems and enhancing relationships and communication. Police worked with rental property owners and managers to encourage lease reviews and hold renters accountable for



their actions. The clergy group and other local law enforcement and service partners concentrated on youth truancy and drug violations, as well as on educating the community on the signs of gang recruitment.

Results of this initiative showed a 90 percent approval rating for the police, with a 38 percent reduction in calls for service from 2007 to present.

Judges selected one finalist in this category, the Herndon, Virginia, Police Department for its innovative program of working with banks, homeowners associations, realtors, and other city departments to reduce the incidents of illegal activities in foreclosed properties.



Left to right: Russell B. Laine, IACP president; and Superintendent Jim Begley, Kamloops Royal Canadian Mounted Police

#### **Agency Serving a Population of 50,001 to 100,000: Kamloops Royal Canadian Mounted Police, British Columbia, Canada**

After years of increased law enforcement in an area filled with high crime, violent criminal activity, and gang members, police found no improvement. The Kamloops Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) decided to take a more comprehensive community policing-based approach to addressing this problem and created the Prolific Offender Initiative. This successful initiative utilizes interdiction and prevention strategies to manage habitual offenders, whom they found were creating the majority of crime problems. The RCMP worked with prosecutors, corrections, parole and other enforcement agencies to be more proactive in enforcing court imposed and enforceable actions. They also developed the program called Prolific Offender Management, which was created to transition the offender to a healthier and more productive lifestyle.

These strategies resulted in a 64 percent reduction in its top five property crime benchmarks and a consistent 30 percent decline in calls for service, within a 24-month period. In addition, there was an 80 percent increase in offender custody time, with 32 percent receiving counsel-

ing or rehabilitation, 20 percent working full-time, and 4 percent attending school for upgrading and trades training for the prolific offender.



Left to right: Assistant Director John Alexander, Reichart House; Russell B. Laine, IACP president; and Captain Ed Posey, Gainesville, Florida, Police Department

#### **Agency Serving a Population of 100,001 to 250,000: Gainesville, Florida Police Department**

In 1987, the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) took notice of the disproportionate number of arrests among young African American males, who were often lost in the cycle of recidivism. Realizing that increasing enforcement and arrests were not the solution, GPD decided it must address the underlying conditions that give rise to this issue in order to make a difference. Starting out with its own out-of-pocket funding, over the past 20 years GPD has built the successful Reichart House Youth Academy.

Through the mobilization of partners from numerous state and local government agencies, schools, clubs, and community members, GPD was able to raise and construct a \$700,000 facility that provides opportunities for these youth, including tutoring, life skills, vocational skills, leadership training, mentoring, performing arts, music and video production, and educational field trips. To date there are over 600 graduates from the Reichart House. By their own estimates, the successful transition of Reichart House graduates has saved the criminal justice system \$11,520,000 per year by helping these young men find a more meaningful purpose than a life of crime. The Reichart House enjoys a 100 percent graduation rate for students involved in the program and a 90 percent success rate in job attainment after graduation.

Judges selected one finalist in this category, the Garland, Texas, Police Department for its UNIDOS Program that improves relationships and reduces crime among the limited-English speaking minority population.



Left to right: Downtown Minneapolis Community Prosecutor Lois Conroy; Russell B. Laine, IACP president; Deputy Chief Janee Harteau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department

#### **Agency Serving a Population over 250,000: Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department**

The Minneapolis Police Department formed its first Court Watch group when it found an increased homicide and violent crime rate in an urban Native American community called the Little Earth of United Tribes. Through an analysis, they found that a small number of chronic offenders were committing the majority of these crimes, and, if released without conditions, they would continue to prey on victims and commit more crime. The Court Watch group comprises county and city prosecutors, probation officers, homeless outreach workers, mental health workers, community activists, security officers, shelter representatives, and business representatives, who have built a highly successful approach to monitoring and adjudicating habitual offenders, as well as rehabilitating the offenders. Court Watch group members focus their efforts on holding the court system accountable.

The Court Watch group makes recommendations to the judge, which includes mandated counseling and treatment, geographical restrictions or longer prison sentences. After a 69 percent reduction in crime in the Little Earth Court Watch area, it has successfully expanded the Court Watch Program to eight other areas throughout the city plagued by high crime and chronic offenders. The program overall has resulted in reduced recidivism, reduced crime in the targeted areas, and an increased sense of safety in all participating communities.

Judges selected one finalist in this category, the Santa Ana, California, Police Department for its efforts of community mobilization to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in the Townsend-Raitt neighborhood.

#### **Special Homeland Security Recognition**

In addition to the Community Policing Award winners and finalists, the judges selected one agency, the Kochi City Police

Department, Kerala, India, for its extensive efforts in working with its community to identify suspicious activity and prevent terrorism.

**2010 applications due: June 4, 2010**

For more information about the IACP/CISCO Community Policing Award, visit the award submission Web site, [www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org](http://www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org), to view the award submission videos, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Jerry Needle at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 322; or via e-mail at [needlej@theiacp.org](mailto:needlej@theiacp.org).

### **IACP/DynCorp International Civilian Law Enforcement-Military Cooperation Award**

The IACP/DynCorp International Civilian Law Enforcement-Military Cooperation Award is presented annually to recognize significant cooperative ventures between civilian and military law enforcement agencies worldwide. The award focuses on those agencies whose civilian and military leadership complement each other's mission to protect and serve their communities. Those agencies or departments that demonstrate outstanding leadership and innovative policies that result in the improvement of public safety will be considered for this award.



Major General Don Ryder, U.S. Army (retired), vice president, DynCorp International; Larry Lehman, N3 Operations director, U.S. Navy Region Northwest; Lieutenant Commander Robert Walls, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Seattle; Lieutenant Tristan K. Atkins, Washington State Patrol; Russell B. Laine, IACP president

### **Washington State Patrol; U.S. Navy Region Northwest; U.S. Coast Guard Sector Seattle, Washington**

The Washington State Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Seattle, and the U.S. Navy Region Northwest were selected as the first winners for this award because they developed the nation's first known civilian law enforcement-military partnership, which supported a critical Department of Homeland Defense project involving aviation assets, force protection, and public safety. The program took full advantage of each agency's skills, knowledge, and resources to support this federally funded

benchmark project involving aircraft and personnel from all three agencies. This was the first known instance of a successful Navy/Coast Guard/State Police collaboration in the Northwest that involved aerial security and real-time video transmissions to critical operation centers during naval nuclear submarine operations. Ongoing since 2004, this innovative Aerial Homeland Security Initiative project is an excellent example of a highly successful joint project that addresses the public safety concerns of law enforcement and force protection concerns of the military. Since its inception, this effort has resulted in the protection of over

90 nuclear submarine escort missions and supported dozens of joint readiness exercises and over 1,750 law enforcement and public safety missions.

**2010 applications due: May 17, 2010**

For more information about the IACP/DynCorp International Civilian Law Enforcement-Military Cooperation Award, visit the awards section of the IACP Web site, [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org), or contact Arnie Daxe at the IACP, 515 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2357; by phone at 1-800-THE-IACP, extension 817; or via e-mail at [Daxe@theiacp.org](mailto:Daxe@theiacp.org).

## **IACP NEW POLICE CHIEF MENTORING PROJECT: NATIONAL MENTOR MONTH**

***"One has only positives  
to gain from working  
with a mentor."***



**– Chief Jeff Faries  
Colonial Heights, VA**

In honor of National Mentor Month, in January, the IACP New Police Chief Mentoring Project team thanks all of our mentors across the country, including Chief Faries' mentor, for their dedication and support. We encourage you to reach out and thank your mentor too.

**To learn more about the Mentoring Project and  
the services that we provide, visit our webpage at**

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