

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE COMMUNITY / POLICE
AWARDS CEREMONY**

**OBJET: PRIX DEVANT ÊTRE REMIS À LA CÉRÉMONIE DE REMISE DES PRIX
DU SERVICE DE POLICE ET DE LA COLLECTIVITÉ**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du
présent rapport à titre d'information.**

BACKGROUND

Since 1995, the Police Services Board and the Chief of Police have annually recognized the contributions of members of the community and the Police Service through the presentation of awards. The awards, in the form of the *Certificate of Valour*, *Certificate of Merit* and *Community Service Award* are presented to recipients selected from among those nominated for actions in the previous year. This year's ceremony will recognize those members of the community and the Ottawa Police Service whose actions in incidents in 2015 were brought to the attention of the Awards Selection Committee.

The people nominated for awards are selected by the Awards Selection Committee. This committee - composed of representatives of the Police Services Board, Executive Command, the Ottawa Police Service Senior Officers Association and the Ottawa Police Association, met on February 23, 2016, to review the nominations and make the selections.

DISCUSSION

Certificate of Valour

The Certificate of Valour is awarded to a member of the public or member of the Ottawa Police Service for an act of personal bravery or highly-meritorious service that is of assistance to the Ottawa Police Service.

Ten (10) community members and one (1) police member will receive the Certificate of Valour and an Ottawa Police Service paperweight.

Certificate of Merit

The Certificate of Merit is awarded to a member of the public or member of the Ottawa Police Service for an act of unselfish assistance or demonstration of unique concern for the safety and well-being of another individual or the community.

Eleven (11) community members and one (1) police member will receive the Certificate of Merit and an Ottawa Police Service paperweight.

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is awarded to a member of the public or member of the Ottawa Police Service who has made a significant contribution to the Service or the community, and demonstrated continued excellence in the performance of their duties and/or dedication to the Ottawa Police Service.

Four (4) community members and one (1) police member will receive the Community Service Award. Also, for first time, one (1) organization will receive this award.

Thomas G. Flanagan, S.C. Scholarship

The former Ottawa Police Services Board established the *Thomas G. Flanagan, S.C. Scholarship* as a means to assist racialized and Aboriginal women who have expressed an interest in a policing career. The scholarship funds are derived from an endowment that was arranged upon the retirement in 1993 of the late Ottawa Chief of Police Thomas G. Flanagan, S.C. in recognition of his distinguished policing career. Since

1993, this award has been presented annually to women to continue their post-secondary education in a law-related field. Each year the winner is selected by a committee comprised of a representative of the Police Services Board, the Diversity and Race Relations Section, the Business Owner, and a member of the diverse community of Ottawa.

This year's recipient will be presented a Certificate at the awards ceremony.