AWARD PRESENTATION

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in recognition of admirable contributions

by

Members of the Community

Grand Foyer
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Sunday, April 27, 2014 - 1:00 P.M.
Platform Guests
Dr. Alok Mukherjee, Chair
Toronto Police Services Board

Mike Federico, A/Chief of Police
Toronto Police Service

Master of Ceremonies
Superintendent Kim Yeandle

Programme

Introduction
Superintendent Kim Yeandle

Opening Remarks
Dr. Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Police Services Board
Mike Federico, A/Chief of Police
Presentations

COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD

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Wen-Chiang LIANGSubmitted by 13 Division
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Dr. Matt STRICKLAND Submitted by 14 Division
Tyler SOLONENKO  Submitted by 14 Division
Jon MAKI  Submitted by 14 Division
Kanika BLAGROVE  Submitted by 22 Division
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David MEADOWS  Submitted by 55 Division
Salah ALSAMENEH  Submitted by 55 Division
Hashimi FAHIM  Submitted by 55 Division
Mark ZASOWSKI  Submitted by Chief's Office
Henock SEBHATU  Submitted by Homicide Squad
Jenny FAUCHER  Submitted by Mounted Unit
Patrick FAUCHER  Submitted by Mounted Unit
Tony CHEN  Submitted by Divisional Policing Support Unit
Michel MERSEREAU  Submitted by Traffic Services Unit
Jonathan HOCK  Submitted by Traffic Services Unit

PARTNERSHIP AWARD
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Refreshments: Served in the Grenville Street Lobby
CAROLE MCGILL AND RANDY BAKER - SUBMITTED BY 11 DIVISION

In 2007, Carole McGill’s son (Tyler) was killed when he tried to assist some restaurant staff who were involved in a dispute.

Carole and her close friend, Randy Baker, were left utterly bereft after her son’s death. On his birthday Carole and Randy decided to hold a charity rock concert in his name. Friends and family joined the venture and they called the event “The Tyler McGill Memorial Benefit” (TMMB).

In November 2008 while they were searching for the right beneficiaries to accept the proceeds from their event, Carole became aware of a new Toronto Police youth out-reach program called “Music! Not Mischief”. This program involves police engagement with youth through music. Participants are involved in guitar lessons and music mentorship. Because her son was a guitar and music enthusiast, Carole knew this was the right program.

While Carole served as a focal point for the community to gather around in this venture, Randy used his contacts in the community to develop partnerships for fundraising and volunteers to play at the events. These volunteers were also willing to donate items such as guitars autographed by rock stars and sports memorabilia autographed by major league athletes.

As of April 2013 the Tyler McGill Memorial Benefit has organized five concerts and raised approximately $25,000. The funds have been donated to Pro Action Cops & Kids, a charity that funds Music Not Mischief and other police led youth programs in the Toronto area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR POSITIVE ACTION IN COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION CAROLE McGILL AND RANDY BAKER ARE AWARDED A PARTNERSHIP AWARD.
On June 12, 2012 a woman attended a bar in the City of Toronto and was sexually assaulted. The victim indicated to the police that she recognized the suspect and gave them a description. A composite sketch was created and distributed; numerous persons were shown the sketch but no one recognized the suspect.

On October 5, 2012 the investigating officer attended the Toronto West Detention Center and left a copy of the composite sketch with the security.

Later that day Mark Robinson, who was the Security Officer at the Center, contacted police and informed them that the person in the composite sketch was an inmate at the center and had been arrested by immigration and was to be deported the following week. The investigating officers quickly showed the victim a photo line-up and the suspect was identified and charged with sexual assault and received a 20 month sentence.

If it was not for Mark Robinson the accused would not have been identified, apprehended and charged with the offence and the victim would not have seen justice.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS QUICK THINKING AND PROMPT ACTION, MARK ROBINSON IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
BRYAN FLYNN - SUBMITTED BY 12 DIVISION

Bryan Flynn is a Special Constable with Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

On May 15, 2013 Bryan Flynn was on duty conducting general patrol. He was training a new special constable and demonstrating the value of performing ceiling tile checks for weapons and other items. During this check he discovered a loaded revolver. He immediately notified the Toronto Police Service.

Special Constable Flynn makes an effort to show all fellow staff the technique of regularly conducting these checks while on duty as they have been proven quite effective and on a number of occasions he has located firearms concealed above ceiling tiles in the buildings he patrols.

Bryan Flynn is an incredible resource and has always gone above the call of duty sharing information and increasing public safety.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY, BRYAN FLYNN IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On June 26, 2013 Wen-Ching Liang was performing her duties as a Lifeguard at an indoor pool.

Wen-Ching Liang noticed a young man who had been swimming suddenly go motionless. The victim then began to sink to the bottom of the pool.

Liang immediately dived into the swimming pool and brought the victim out. She then began CPR and revived the victim. The victim was transported to Hospital and was later released in stable condition.

IN RECOGNITION OF HER QUICK ACTION TO ASSIST ANOTHER IN DISTRESS, WEN-CHING LIANG IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On May 5, 2013 the Toronto Marathon was being held. On this day the weather was very warm and several participants kept collapsing along the route. At approximately 10 am a male runner collapsed and lay unconscious on the roadway.

A police officer who was performing a paid duty was alerted to the incident by screams from a passerby. The officer found the victim lying on the roadway bleeding from an injury to his face believed to have been caused by a fall. The officer noted that the victim had no vital signs. This initial assessment was confirmed by an off duty doctor, Dr. Andrew Whynot, who stopped by the scene.

The police officer immediately called for medical assistance and together with Dr. Whynot began to perform CPR on the victim. Another off duty doctor, Dr. Matt Strickland, also arrived on scene and assisted in doing chest compressions. Tyler Solenko, who was walking by the scene, saw the victim on the ground and immediately began to assist the doctors with chest compressions while waiting for emergency service to reach their location.

A mobile paramedic unit arrived on scene and with a portable resuscitation was able to revive the victim. The victim was transported to hospital and was treated and made a full recovery.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION, DR. ANDREW WHYNOT, DR. MATT STRICKLAND AND TYLER SOLONENKO ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On October 8, 2013 while many of the occupants of a rooming house were asleep, a fire started in the common kitchen area. Due to the building’s age and layout the fire spread rapidly to all floors and stairwells creating a thick black toxic smoke. The sleeping residents were disturbed from their sleep by the smell of smoke. Some of the residents were unable to escape from the burning building.

Jon Maki, who lived nearby, awoke to the sound of people screaming for help. When he looked out of his window he saw the building on fire and several people hanging out of the windows screaming for help. Aware that he was placing himself in harm’s way, Jon acted immediately. He located a ladder from a neighbour and quickly made his way to the burning smoking building. Jon placed the ladder under the window of the trapped occupants and assisted in rescuing them. All residents were unharmed due to the actions of Jon Maki.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SWIFT, SELFLESS ACTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WITHOUT HESITATION, JON MAKI IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On October 21, 2013 a number of parents and children were participating in a caregiver and physical activity program at a local community center. The purpose of this program was to promote interaction and motor skills development for the children through various types of physical activities. On this day the exercises centred on gymnastics activities. A mother and her son were enjoying the activities and the mother was bouncing the boy on the trampoline and placing him on the foam landing pad. On one particular turn the boy landed on the pad and received whiplash. This caused him to convulse and ultimately stop breathing.

Immediately, Kanika Blagrove, a staff member at the Community center, attended to the victim and quickly assessed his condition. Discovering that the victim was absent of any vital signs, Kanika began CPR. After a little over a minute the victim regained consciousness. Kanika placed him in the recovery position and awaited the arrival of paramedics. The boy was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Within 2 hours of arriving at the hospital the victim was running around entertaining the hospital staff showing no ill-effects of his very grave situation earlier.

**IN RECOGNITION OF HER QUICK ACTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP ANOTHER IN DISTRESS, KANIKA BLAGROVE IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.**
On February 4, 2013 Musab Usman was at his residence when he heard the sound of gun shots coming from the roadway outside his home. He immediately called police and reported the incident. He continued to update the dispatcher on the location of the suspects as they fled towards a junior school located nearby.

When an officer attended the school, he observed a suspect loitering in an alcove. As the suspect saw him he began to run. The officer observed a loaded semi-automatic hand gun lying in the alcove.

More officers attended the location and located and arrested the suspect in a nearby park. It was only with the assistance of Musab that the suspect was located and a loaded firearm was recovered.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN KEEPING HIS COMMUNITY SAFE, MUSAB USMAN IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On January 21, 2013 Bradley Beaulieu was in his apartment when he heard a female screaming for help. It sounded as if she was being beaten. With no concern for his own safety he went to investigate. As Bradley entered the stairwell, he saw a man holding a woman and not letting her go. Bradley also observed an injury to the victim. He asked the victim whether she was okay at which point the male told him to mind his own business.

The male then guided the female out of the building to a variety store, around the parking lot, and back into the building. Bradley continued to follow, trying to keep the victim in sight, and all the while asking the victim if she was okay. Bradley called police. Upon their arrival, officers checked the building surveillance and observed the violent domestic assault in the stairwell. Bradley gave as signed statement to the police. His actions prevented further assault and greatly impacted the resulting court case.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS BRAVE ACTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP A STRANGER IN DISTRESS, BRADLEY BEAULIEU IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On March 20, 2013 a call was received that a man had jumped onto the subway tracks and had been seriously injured. On arriving at the scene the officers learned that the man had appeared to suffer a medical emergency which caused him to either become unconscious or have a seizure. He then fell to the track level striking his head on the tracks. The fall caused serious injuries to the victim’s head.

Tom Dillon and his daughter Kaitlynd observed the victim on the tracks and without fear or regard for their own safety jumped to the track level and lifted the victim back to the safety of the platform. Tom and Kaitlynd then began to administer first aid. They were joined in their efforts by Terri Dillon, Anthony Ali and Kerry Morrison. The victim had sustained a head injury which was bleeding profusely. All 5 persons assisted in first aid which continued until the Emergency Services arrived.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SWIFT AND DECISIVE ACTIONS IN RENDERING ASSISTANCE AND PUTTING THEIR OWN LIFE AT RISK, TOM DILLON, KAITLYND DILLON, TERRI DILLON, ANTHONY ALI AND KERRY MORRISON ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On March 7, 2013 a call was received for a missing person. This person was a 90 year old female who did not speak English and suffered from dementia. She was last seen wearing slippers with no socks and no coat. The weather was very cold and the ground was covered with a thick layer of snow.

45 minutes into the search, Clavin Wong, a resident of the neighbourhood, responded to banging on his door. He discovered the elderly female but was unable to communicate with her. He realized she was suffering from some sort of dementia and attempted to get her inside. However, the female refused and began to assault him when he tried to assist her.

Police were called and Clavin was able to give them a last known direction of travel which led to the police locating the female.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS PROMPT ACTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO SAVE ANOTHER IN DISTRESS, CLAVIN WONG IS A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
KEISHAWONNA (KEISHA)_MAYENGE – 42 DIVISION

On January 21, 2013 police received a call regarding an unconscious male in a vehicle. When police arrived on scene a citizen was helping the male by performing CPR.

Keisha was returning from the store when she noticed a male slumped over in his vehicle. Keisha approached the car and tapped on the window to see if the person was okay.

When she got no response Keisha called 911. Keisha was instructed by the dispatcher to open the car door and check on the condition of the male. She did so and the male did not appear to be breathing and did not respond to Keisha’s voice.

The dispatcher then advised Keisha to lay the car seat back and instructed her on how to start CPR. Keisha performed CPR and continued chest compressions on the victim until Emergency Medical Services arrived and took over.

IN RECOGNITION OF HER BRAVERY AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP ANOTHER IN DISTRESS, KEISHA MAYENGE IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On January 13, 2013 Benjamin Poce was playing hockey in a recreational men’s league. He had just replaced another player on the ice and as he was skating towards the opponents end he heard a commotion near his bench and saw several players were beckoning him to come.

As Benjamin skated to the bench he quickly became aware that one of his teammates was in severe medical distress. The victim, Benjamin’s father, was lying on the ice without vital signs. Benjamin, who is a paramedic, quickly took control of the scene.

He requested the help of another teammate, Shawn Nichols, an off duty firefighter to assist with CPR. Benjamin also directed another teammate to call 911 and another to get the Automated External Defibrillator located in the arena. Lifesaving CPR was performed by Benjamin and Shawn. Once the AED was retrieved it was applied to the victim after which a pulse was regained.

The then conscious victim was then transported to hospital where he received further treatment.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND SWIFT ACTIONS IN SAVING THE LIFE OF ANOTHER, BENJAMIN POCE AND SHAWN NICHOLS ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.**
On December 22, 2013 a devastating ice storm struck the GTA leaving approximately 400,000 people without hydro.

Particularly affected were a couple in Scarborough. The wife is a c-4 complete quadriplegic who has significant and unique care demands that rely heavily on electricity.

Their neighbours, Allan Zarudny and James Brown, knew of their situation. In very short order they set up 2 generators to supply power to the couple’s home. The operation undertaken by Allan and James required their attention for an extended period of time, lasting six days. During this time, even over the holidays, both generators needed to be monitored on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, in order to effectively manage the supply of electricity to their neighbour’s home so that the much needed care could be provided. At times their own home went without power or diminished power.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ALERT RESPONSE AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, ALLAN ZARUDNY AND JAMES BROWN ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
In the early morning hours of January 27, 2013 Rahmatullah Karamian was driving his Taxi when he observed a man trying to break into a construction site. He observed the male continue with his attempts until he gained access.

Rahmatullah Karamian attempted to dial 911 but his phone battery had died. Rahmatullah located a marked scout car in the area and led the officers back to the scene.

When police arrived they located the man exiting the site and affected an arrest. The accused was transported to the police station where he was investigated and charged accordingly.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OBSERVATIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO PROTECT PROPERTY, RAHMATULLAH KARAMIAN IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On May 21, 2013 a man was on a bridge and appeared to want to jump. The man was observed to climb up onto the safety railing and take hold of the affixed light standard facing the ravine below.

Matthew Chamberlain, who was passing by, saw the man on top of the safety railing. He immediately stopped his vehicle, approached the man, and pulled him off the railing to safety.

Tony Lamanna and Dennis Brown also saw what was occurring and came to the aid of Matthew Chamberlain helping him to restrain the man until police arrived. The man was subsequently apprehended by police under the mental health act and transported to hospital for assessment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR QUICK ACTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO SAVE ANOTHER IN DISTRESS MATTHEW CHAMBERLAIN, TONY LAMANNA AND DENNIS BROWN ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On March 27, 2013 police received a call for suspicious activity in a park.

David Meadows, who lived nearby, saw three youths in the park acting suspiciously, approaching and surrounding several young boys. Finding this circumstance unusual David continued to keep an eye on the youths. David could see that one of the young boys had been isolated in the park by the men.

David went into the park to investigate further and to make sure that the young boy was okay. He saw a brief interaction take place. After the youths left, David asked the boy what had happened and was told that the youths had questioned him about the contents of his backpack. One of the youths had said “He is too young, let him go”.

David continued to watch as the youths approached several other younger youths in the park in a similar manner. David subsequently notified police.

A short time later police received a call from a victim reporting an armed robbery. Based on David’s keen observations and assistance to police, the three youths were arrested and charged accordingly.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS KEEN OBSERVATIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OTHERS DAVID MEADOWS IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
On May 10, 2013 police received a call for an intoxicated man walking along the train tracks and who was nearly struck by a speeding train.

Salah and Hashimi, who were passing by, saw the intoxicated man on the tracks and acted immediately to get the man out of arms way. In doing so, they placed themselves at considerable risk. Through their efforts they managed to get the intoxicated man to safety just as 2 more speeding trains passed through that area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HELP A FELLOW CITIZEN AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ANOTHER, SALAH ALSAMENEH AND HASIMI FAHIM ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
MARK ZASOWSKI – SUBMITTED BY THE CHIEF’S OFFICE

July 8, 2013 was the day of the terrible rain storm in Toronto. Parts of our City suffered severe flooding.

Mark Zasowski was at home when he heard his next door neighbour screaming for help.

Without hesitation, Mark ran over to find his neighbour trapped in her basement as it had flooded and water was up to her shoulders. The basement door had closed and Mark’s neighbour was unable to open it due to floating debris and the pressure of the water against it.

Mark quickly broke a nearby basement window and pulled his neighbour out to safety.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS QUICK ACTIONS IN HELPING TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER IN DISTRESS MARK ZASOWSKI IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.
In May 2013, a male was murdered in the City of Toronto and members of the Homicide squad commenced an investigation. In the course of the investigation, a media release provided details and context to the incident.

Mr. Henock Sebhatu is a member of the community who at the time worked as a Toronto Community Housing Special Constable. In that capacity he has had the opportunity to work in partnership with the Service to address safety issues within his neighborhood and was aware of the homicide investigation.

Mr. Sebhatu felt it was his duty as a citizen of our city to contribute in any way he could to address public safety issues within his community. He has a diverse language skill set and has a cultural awareness of those within his community.

Mr. Sebhatu contacted investigators at the Homicide Squad and volunteered his own time to assist them in their investigation in any way possible. Over a period of several months Sebhatu used his language skills to assist investigators and he was instrumental in providing information that advanced the case against the person responsible for the murder. In August 2013, a suspect was arrested and charged with murder.
Mr. Sebhatu’s diligence, perseverance and personal commitment is an example of the tremendous achievements that community engagement can achieve.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF HIS COMMUNITY HENOCK SEBHATU IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.

JENNY FAUCHER AND PATRICK FAUCHER – SUBMITTED BY MOUNTED UNIT

On July 1, 2013 police were involved in the search for a missing woman. The woman was suffering from dementia and other health issues.

Jenny Faucher and Patrick Faucher were in their neighbourhood when officers advised them of the search for the missing woman who at that time was missing for 22 hours. Jenny and Patrick, who were heading out for a long run, asked the officers for a description of the woman and advised that they would keep their eyes open for her.

During their run Jenny and Patrick saw a woman who matched the description given to them by the officers of the missing person. They contacted police immediately.

The area in which Jenny and Patrick located the woman was not actively being searched by the police at the time meaning that she may not have been located for many hours had it not been for the Fauchers. The actions of Jenny and
Patrick resulted in the missing woman being safely returned to her home and receiving the care she needed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR QUICK ACTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN DISTRESS JENNY FAUCHER AND PATRICK FAUCHER ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.

TONY CHEN – SUBMITTED BY DIVISIONAL POLICING SUPPORT UNIT

On July 8, 2013 a torrential rain storm hit Toronto.

A GO train with hundreds of passengers was immobilised on the train track and flooded as a result of quickly rising water.

Tony Chen, a citizen who had been on the train managed to get off and get to safety. Tony Chen quickly located a police officer and told him that he had been on the train and had found an escape route that had not yet been flooded. Tony Chen showed the officer the route he had taken and then he assisted in getting the passengers off the flooded train.

His quick actions allowed first responders to facilitate the evacuation of 1500 people who were trapped on the train.
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS QUICK THINKING AND ASSISTANCE IN A CRISIS SITUATION TONY CHEN IS AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.

MICHEL MERSEREAU AND JONATHAN HOCK – SUBMITTED BY TRAFFIC SERVICES

On September 23, 2013 a man suffered a severe injury after falling from his bicycle. The man was bleeding profusely.

Michel Mersereau and Jonathan Hock were passing by the area and saw the man on the ground with a number of people gathered around. Both men stopped, assessed the situation and took control. They saw a pulsing flow of blood coming from the cyclist’s thigh. They directed other by-standers to call 911 and get towels from a nearby restaurant. Michel and Jonathan applied pressure and a tourniquet to the victim’s thigh to stem the blood flow.
They performed essential first aid until Emergency Medical Services arrived and took over and the victim was transported to hospital for treatment for this life threatening injury.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SWIFT ACTIONS AND THE WILLING TO SAVE ANOTHER IN AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SITUATION MICHEL MERSEREAU AND JONATHAN HOCK ARE AWARDED A COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD.

MS. STAYCE GRANT - SUBMITTED BY 12 DIVISION

In January 2013 Stayce Grant was working for Toronto Community Housing. She volunteered her time to work in partnership with the Toronto Police service on a Youth and Police Initiative.

The goal of the program was to help youth become more productive members of the community through various workshops, discussions, presentations and career training initiatives. The program offered a structured, safe and supportive environment for the youth to openly discuss their concerns and
experience with the police. The youth were further encouraged to make a positive change in their day to day activities, family, school and the community. Stayce volunteered her time, assisted by providing the venue to meet every week, provided food for the youth, arranged for transportation and assisted to secure guest speakers and worked in partnership with the police in the overall structure of the program.

In the nine week program several topics were discussed such as “Knowing your rights and responsibilities”, “Understanding the Youth Criminal Justice System” and many others. The program was a huge success and culminated with a Participant Recognition Ceremony.

Stayce’s efforts contributed substantially to the success of this initiative in her area.

IN RECOGNITION OF HER ASSISTANCE WITH THE INITIATIVE AND HER INVOLVEMENT IN YOUTH MOBILIZATION STAYCE GRANT IS AWARDED A PARTNERSHIP AWARD.

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In the fall of 2012 a partnership was established involving members of the Financial Crimes Unit and members of the community to address the significant increase of counterfeit products being sold during the holiday season to citizens who are unaware and may pose negative health and safety issues.

The partnership became known as Project Consumer Safety and targeted businesses in Toronto, Peel and York Regions that were selling counterfeit products that could potentially pose hazards to the public including children. Community members from the private sector quickly agreed to work in partnership with the police and provide expert technical and product knowledge to the team. As a result of this collaborative initiative police were able to execute several search warrants and arrest numerous people who were circulating counterfeit products. Their efforts resulted in $3.6 million dollars’ worth of counterfeit products being removed from circulation.

The community members involved in this effective partnership worked tirelessly to ensure a successful outcome to this initiative. Their dedicated efforts to ensuring public safety also led to the largest seizure of counterfeit goods in this city’s history.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY, LORNE LIPKUS, GEORGINA DANZIG, DAVID LIPKUS, ROBYN WEINTRAUB, TRISTAN CRISP, EVAN KUBES, DARYL SOMES, JAMES PHILLIPS, DARYL SEIDMAN, MICHELLE BOYES, SIMON McCULLOUGH, CHRIS TORTORICE, MARIO IAFRATE AND ROD JONES ARE AWARDED A PARTNERSHIP AWARD.
In the fall of 2012 a partnership was established between the Financial Crimes Unit Social Media Team and students and faculty at Seneca College. The goal of this partnership was to increase engagement with members of the community dealing with social issues. The initiative involved development of a high quality social media campaign and design project for Fraud Prevention Month.

Professor Paul Shecter of the Seneca College Graphic Design program saw an opportunity to enhance his students’ experience by working on a public service message. A number of his graphic design students contributed their time and knowledge in working with the Toronto Police Service.

In September 2012 this group of students began working on the official campaign. Over the course of 2 months, the students began crafting and developing the campaign. This work included many hours of research outside the classroom including talking to seniors in the community about fraud.

As part of the experiential learning process for the students, several other community partners from the financial sector contributed their time and expertise. These partners lectured the students on the dynamics of fraud and its financial implications, especially to seniors.

As result of this combined effort an effort an exceptional campaign was launched on February 28, 2013.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENSURE A HIGH QUALITY CAMPAIGN TO THE CITIZENS OF TORONTO DURING THE FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH 2013 AND TO BRING PUBLIC AWARENESS TO ISSUES OF FRAUD AND FOR EMPHASIS OF FRAUD ON SENIORS, SENECA COLLEGE FACULTY: PROFESSORS PAUL SHECTER, PHILLIP WOOLF, MARK JONES.
SENeca COLLEGE STUDENTS: ADRIANA D’ADDARIO, ANDREIA PEREIRA, TASKEEN IFTIKHAR, SUZANNE
JOHNSON, LAURA LEANO, ELLA KOGAN, GORDON CHAN, ROMINA VALLEJOS, CATHERINE VARANO, ERIKA ATLETICO, OLGA VELIKOVSKAIA, JUDEA ANTONIO, SEYEDEHANASSIMA HOSSEINI, PETER NGUYEN, CARLOS GLORIOSO, SAMANTHA EVANS, DANA RONIN, NEERAJ ARORA, KRISTINA KOUMANEEVA, THIVEYA MUTHU.

GARY LOGAL, HELEN LYON AND KRISTEN ROSE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF ONTARIO AND AMANDA DRAPER OF CIBC ARE AWARDED A PARTNERSHIP AWARD.