



2020 Crime Prevention Ottawa Awards CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Crime Prevention Ottawa is calling for nominations for the 12th annual Crime Prevention Ottawa Awards.

If you know a person, group or program working to build a better Ottawa through crime reduction or crime prevention, help them get the recognition they deserve. The awards honour those making a contribution to the safety of our community.

How does COVID-19 impact this year's awards?

We are holding our awards program in 2020 and we're now accepting nominations. We are excited to see the interesting and inspiring ways that nominees have continued to push forward in important crime prevention initiatives, even in the context of physical distancing measures.

As for the celebration, what we know is we will celebrate! How we will celebrate is still to be determined. The awards ceremony scheduled for November 2, 2020 will be 100% in accordance with the most up-to-date Ottawa Public Health recommendations. It's too early to say exactly what that might look like.

Who is eligible?

You can nominate any person, group or program you feel has made an outstanding contribution to crime reduction and community safety in Ottawa. **The nominee must have been involved in reducing crime and creating a safer community for a minimum of two (2) years.**

Crime prevention leaders represent all walks of life—they are volunteers, police officers, city staff, community leaders, teachers, non-profit organizations, programs, youth and much more. They all have one thing in common: they are passionate about making Ottawa a great place to live.

Given the unprecedented events of this year with COVID-19 and worldwide demonstrations for social justice, we welcome nominations that might also highlight a person, group or program's involvement in initiatives that have served to build a better, safer, more inclusive city.

You can nominate yourself, however, the nomination committee looks more favourably on nominees that have support from the community. You may choose to nominate someone as a surprise, however, please note that we will notify them if they win. If the nomination is unsuccessful, we only inform the nominator.

Selection criteria

Our selection committee reviews and selects winners based on the following criteria:

Commitment and perseverance

The individual, group or program has shown a steady commitment and an extraordinary effort to engage in reducing crime in the community for a **minimum of two years**. We are looking for nominees that have a history of strong commitment to crime prevention and community safety. They have the perseverance to overcome the challenges associated with crime prevention.

Innovation

The individual, group or program has developed an innovative crime prevention idea, project or strategy. We are looking for creativity and leadership—in other words, a nominee that has implemented fresh new ideas in crime prevention. This can include: leveraging complex partnerships, creating exceptional outreach and engagement, or anything that goes beyond the ordinary.

Use of evidence

The individual, group or program has evidence to demonstrate that their actions have reduced crime or improved community safety. This can include statistics on crime reduction, testimonials from people affected by their contribution, evaluation results from initiatives the person organized, or numbers demonstrating the impact of their efforts (ex. 200 people participated in the Safety Coffee Houses organized).

Contribution

The individual, group or program has made a **real contribution** toward the reduction of crime and the enhancement of community safety. We are looking for nominees that have played a significant role in the effort to reduce crime in Ottawa.

Award categories

Over the years, Crime Prevention Ottawa has had several different award categories. When submitting your nomination, you do not need to specify which award you are recommending, as the selection committee will assign the nominee to a category.

The awards categories are extremely flexible. The nominee does not need to fit neatly into one of the example categories below, as long as they meet the above selection criteria. Examples of award categories we have had in the past are:

Volunteer Award

The nominee must be a dedicated volunteer and must have demonstrated his/her commitment to the community through outstanding contribution toward crime prevention and community safety.

Volunteer Program Award

The nominee must be an all-volunteer program that has made an exemplary contribution in the area of crime prevention and community safety. Contributions could include innovative approaches to addressing crime problems, beautification and community pride projects, or unique volunteer partnerships or initiatives designed to aid in crime reduction.

Community Program Award

The nominee must be a non-profit program that has made an exemplary contribution to increasing community safety through crime prevention. Contributions could include developing innovative projects for youth, domestic violence prevention, substance abuse prevention, neighbourhood renewal or any other crime prevention project.

Leadership Award

The nominee may be in a paid or volunteer capacity working for a school board, hospital, community group or other non-profit agency and who has provided exemplary leadership in his/her community in the area of crime prevention and community safety.

Business Award

The nominee should be a business or businessperson who has shown leadership in crime prevention by building partnerships, or providing resources, assistance and/or program contributions.

Youth Leadership Award

Children or youth nominated for this category should be positive role models for other children or youth in their community with outstanding leadership skills. They

should be actively involved in crime prevention and community safety projects in the broader community or at school. The nominee should be under 25 years of age as of December 31, 2020. Programs can be considered in this category if they are youth-driven, actively engage youth in leadership positions and are designed to make a difference in the lives of other youth.

Enforcement Professional Award

The nominee must be an individual who has provided exemplary leadership in crime prevention within an enforcement context including, but not limited to, the Ottawa Police Service, OC Transpo Security, OPP, RCMP, Ottawa Community Housing Safety Services or a private security firm.

City Employee Award

The nominee should be a City of Ottawa employee (including OC Transpo and the Ottawa Public Library) that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of promoting and implementing crime prevention strategies within their field of work.

Nomination procedures

To nominate an individual, group or program, complete the nomination form below and submit it to the CPO Awards Committee by email or mail (see the form for details). An Awards Selection Committee composed of members of the Crime Prevention Ottawa Board of Directors, members of the CPO Community Forum and CPO Staff will adjudicate the awards.

Important dates

- **Nominations deadline:** Completed nomination forms must be sent by email to CPO (cpo@ottawa.ca) **no later than September 30, 2020.**
- **Winners and finalists notified:** Successful candidates and nominators will be notified by email on **October 15, 2020.**
- **Event day:** Mark your calendars! The Crime Prevention Ottawa Awards will be presented on **Monday, November 2, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

If you have any questions about the awards or need clarification, please contact us at CPO@Ottawa.ca.



2020 Crime Prevention Ottawa Awards Award Nomination Form

This form is set up to allow you to complete the information while at your computer. Save the form to your computer to complete it if you wish to submit it by e-mail. If you prefer, you can also download the form, print it and complete the information by hand.

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Information about the individual, group or program being nominated for an award:

Name or Organization:

Title (if nominating a person):

Address:

City and Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:

Information about you, the nominator:

Name:

Title:

Address:

City and postal code:

Phone:

Email:

3. Describe the evidence that shows how the person, group or program was effective in reducing crime and enhancing community safety. What proves that the efforts were effective? Were the programs implemented empirically based? Provide specific examples to illustrate. 10 points.

4. Tell us about how this individual, group or program is *innovative* at making our community safer. Provide examples or describe the results that the person, group or program has achieved. 10 points.