

# ATLANTIC WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT 2008 AWARD WINNERS

## 2008 AWLE Awards - Sydney, NS

President Paula Raymond and Chairperson for the AWLE Awards Committee, Carol Campbell-Waugh were on hand to present the following awards to the winners: S/Sgt Kim Quartermain, Fredericton Police Force for Officer of the Year, Cst Joany Paradis from Neguac, J-Division RCMP for Community Service, and Cst Lisa Whittington of H-Division RCMP Drug section for Excellence in Performance. The Mentoring award went to Cst Tammy MacDonald of Halifax Regional Police, the Leadership award went to Cpl Annie Neilson of Bathurst RCMP and the Team Endeavour went to the Scarlet Soirre Organizing Committee.

S/Sgt Kim Quartermain of the Fredericton Police Force was named Officer of the Year. She was recognized for her leadership, dedication and professionalism. Kim's leadership style has earned her the admiration and trust of others through uncompromising integrity and honesty. She is equally committed to her community and to special events in the area. Often officers communicate their appreciation on how Kim has helped them. She is known for her high degree of professional, integrity and compassion.

The Community Services Award was awarded to Cst Joany Paradis of RCMP J-Division. Joany was in the RCMP for less than two years when she was nominated for this award. Joany's accomplishments with regards to community, school projects, neighbourhood watch, citizens meetings, and cultural groups have been tremendous within the community. She has been a driving force behind numerous programs and successful community initiatives. Cst Paradis has compassion and understanding for the community she serves is second to none.

Cst Lisa Whittington received the Excellence in Performance Award. Lisa was able to infiltrate a crime group over a seven month period as an undercover operator. Her work in this respect is considered by many of her peers as absolutely brilliant. Her incredible attention to detail proved to be a vital asset to the investigation. Her sense of recall when preparing her notes after encounters with the targets was nothing less than amazing. Eight persons in the group were charged with a variety of offences, totalling in excess of 100 charges.

Cst Tammy MacDonald was awarded the Mentoring Award. She was recognized for her dedication to mentoring and helping others in the profession and the community. Tammy's commitment to others mentoring is constant in her day-to-day activities. Outstanding service and professionalism are exhibited by Tammy in the execution of her duties but everything she is involved in. She is a role model to many of her peers and is a shining example of what every mentor should be.

The Leadership Award went to Cpl Annie Neilson of Bathurst RCMP. Annie was the third member at the scene of a fatal collision which involved a school van and a tractor-trailer. There were eight persons fatally injured and three others seriously injured. Throughout the investigation, Annie's actions were extremely methodical, compassionate, and efficient. Attracting international media, with the crash claiming seven members of a local high school basketball team, as well as the coach's wife, all of Cpl Neilson's expertise both as an investigator and a leader were put to the test.

The Team Endeavor award was presented the Scarlet Soiree Organizing Committee. Cst June Chiasson and the other 23 members of this committee brought together women of all ages and social classes. It is a gala event with formal dress, great food, great auctioneering and a great reason to be there. The evening auctioned off purses that were donated by celebrities and businesses filled them with items. In 2007, with the overwhelming support, the Silent Witness program received \$13,000 and in 2008, Homebridge Youth Society: Youth at Risk received \$19,000.



**Fredericton Police Force for Officer of the Year - S/Sgt Kim Quartermain**



**The Mentoring Award (Top Cop) - Cst Tammy MacDonald of Halifax Regional Police**