

President's Message

Well it has been a fantastic year for Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement. Our membership is at a record high. Our social media campaign was a huge success with our Facebook page at over 500 members and our Twitter followers growing every day.

The 24th Annual AWLE Training Conference held in Halifax, Nova Scotia was a huge success. We had upwards of 150 registrants. Thank you to the 2016 Organizing Committee and my co-chair Cst. Susan Camus of the H Division RCMP.

The theme of the conference was ***"Change – Challenge - Opportunity"***. The keynote speaker Author and Journalist Janice Landry opened the conference speaking on her book "The Sixty Second Story" and also spoke on PTSD and first responders. There were also a number of informative sessions on leadership, radicalization, human trafficking and a case study.

I would also like to thank Ontario Women in Law Enforcement (OWLE) President Lisa Hewison and Vice President Jodi Dawson for being in attendance at our conference. The AWLE Executive were able to speak to them about partnering in the future to benefit all of our members. The OWLE have an upcoming awards Banquet on April 28, 2017. Please take time to visit their website at www.owle.org

I would like to offer my congratulations to the AWLE 2016 Award winners:

Officer of the Year

Cst. Tanya Lawlor – Saint John Police Force

Leadership

Cst. Julie Cunningham - RNC

Mentoring

Cst. Louanne McQuaid – RCMP 'L'

Community Service

Cst. Stephanie Glendenning - HRP

Excellence in Performance

Cst. Monia Thibault - HRP

Team Endeavors

Cst. Angela MacKay – RCMP 'H', Sgt. Sheldon O'Donnell – Cape Breton Regional Police Service,

*Cst. Shari Pictou, Truro Police Service, Sgt. Paul Vickers, RCMP 'H', Cst. Robert Daley - RCMP 'H',
Cst. Trevor Gallen - RCMP 'H', Cst. Gerald Rose-Berthiaume - RCMP 'H', Cpl. Calvin Byard - RCMP 'H',
Cst. Duncan Currie – Cape Breton Regional Police Service, Cst. Dwight Miller – Cape Breton Regional
Police Service, Cst. Kalolin Francis – Cape Breton Regional Police Service*

Medal of Valor

Cst. Stephanie Pelley & Cst. Charley Torres – RNC

The Nova Scotia award winners were also recognized by The Justice Minister of Nova Scotia, The Honourable Diana C. Whalen at Province House where she read out a resolution and introduced the officers and their awards.

Our award winner's nominations will be sent forward to the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) for consideration at their 55th Annual Conference in Cairns, Australia Sept. 17-21, 2017. Next year's IAWP Conference theme will be "**Global Networks: Local Law Enforcement**". For more information please visit their website at www.iawp.org

We also have exciting news for our AWLE 2017 Annual Training Conference which will be our 25th Annual Conference and our Silver Anniversary. The conference will be hosted by the Cape Breton Regional Police.

Visit our website often at www.awle.org for the upcoming training dates and conference updates.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support of AWLE.

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