



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement has established a new National Award honouring an individual for his or her outstanding contribution to civilian oversight.

CACOLE is soliciting nominations for the Award, which will be presented for the first time at the 2016 Annual CACOLE Conference, May 8-11, 2016 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The terms of reference of the Award, the means for submitting nominations and the selection process are set out below.

CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT NATIONAL AWARD

- 1 The Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement has established an annual award, to be named the Mitchell-Lewis Award for Outstanding Contribution to Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Canada.
- 2 The Award is named the Mitchell-Lewis Award, in honour of two distinguished Civilian Oversight leaders in Canada - Robert Mitchell and Clare Lewis.
- 3 The main criterion for the making of the Award will be:
that the recipient has, through an exemplary initiative or through a period of distinguished service, made an outstanding contribution to Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Canada.
- 4 The Award will be made through a nomination process each year, with Nomination Committee of CACOLE responsible for:
 - a. *distribution of information regarding the Award,*
 - b. *invitations to submit nominations,*
 - c. *receipt and the review of nominations; and*
 - d. *a recommendation to the CACOLE Board of Directors of a short list of recommended recipients for the award.*
- 5 Nominations are to be submitted to Ms. Debbie Wilson, Executive Director of CACOLE, in writing or by email [address and email address set out below]. No particular form is required. The nominator(s) should identify, in detail, the contributions that have been made to Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Canada by the person being nominated.
- 6 The closing date for nominations is March 31, 2016.
- 7 The inaugural Award will be made at CACOLE 2016 Conference in May of 2016.
- 8 Any member of the public or law enforcement community, and any member of CACOLE, other than a member of the Nomination Committee, may submit a nomination. Individuals who are nominated in one year may be considered by the Nominating Committee in a subsequent year.
- 9 The recipient(s) of the Award will be invited to attend the annual CACOLE Conference Dinner, at CACOLE expense, to receive the Award.
For further information on the Award, may be obtained from Ms. Debbie Wilson, Executive Director, Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement [CACOLE]: P.O. Box 31031 Willowwest, Guelph, ON N1H 8K1; email address: cacole.executivedirector@gmail.com