

# Minister's Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention

## What is Crime Prevention?

Crime prevention is the concerted effort of individuals, communities, businesses, police services, and government agencies to be actively involved in addressing the root causes of crime so that people are and feel safe and secure in their homes and communities and individuals at risk of being involved with crime are supported in ways to reduce the likelihood of offending.

## Crime Prevention Involves:

- gathering and sharing information needed for effective decision making;
- building partnerships and developing programs that address the root causes of crime;
- involving and supporting individuals in their efforts to prevent crime against themselves and their neighbours; and/or
- providing leadership.

## Crime Prevention Awards

The Department of Justice will be selecting one nominee in each of the following categories:

- 1 Award for Individual
- 2 Award for Youth
- 3 Award for Community Group or Organization
- 4 Award for Policing
- 5 Award for Media
- 6 Award for Business Community

# Eligibility for Awards



## Individual

Individuals who are working independently, or on behalf of a community or government agency in a paid or volunteer capacity, and who have provided exemplary leadership in their community in the area of crime prevention and who have succeeded in developing, implementing, promoting, and/or maintaining community crime prevention activities should be nominated for this award.



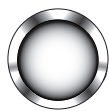
## Youth

Youth who are working to provide exemplary leadership in their community in the area of crime prevention, who are positive role models in their community, who have outstanding leadership skills, and/or who are actively involved in crime prevention projects in their communities and/or schools should be nominated for this award.



## Community Group or Organization

Organizations and/or community groups that provide exemplary leadership in the area of crime prevention and who have taken a lead role in fostering community crime prevention activities should be nominated for this award.



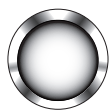
## Policing

Police officers/administrators who have provided exemplary leadership in the area of crime prevention and/or who have worked in partnership with the community developing awareness and educational programs to foster safer communities and reduce the opportunities of crime should be nominated for this award.



## Media

Media organizations, teams, and/or individual journalists who have been involved in advocating for crime prevention and/or community safety through evidence-based journalism that digs beneath the surface and present objective and in-depth audio, visual, and/or written accounts of community crime prevention should be nominated for this award.



## Business or Corporation

Businesses and/or corporations that have worked alone or with others towards crime prevention, either locally, regionally, or provincially, should be nominated for this award. Contributions may include financial or in-kind support, collaboration with government and law enforcement efforts to reduce and prevent crime, collaboration with the community by providing work placements, the development of innovative projects, or promotional campaigns that promote safe communities. Also, nominees may be individual business leaders who have provided outstanding contributions in the area of crime prevention through, for example, social development initiatives.

# Criteria

## Commitment

Demonstrate how the nominee has shown a commitment to issues of local concern regarding crime prevention and enhancing the safety of communities and individuals throughout Nova Scotia.

## Empowerment

Demonstrate how the nominee has been actively involved in empowering their community to take crime prevention action and make their community a safe place to live. Empowerment includes investing in community capacity (i.e., knowledge and resources) to facilitate the development and implementation of crime prevention initiatives in their community. Empowerment also includes those nominees who go the extra mile to involve individuals/communities in their efforts to prevent crime against themselves and their neighbours.

## Leadership

Demonstrate how the nominee has encouraged others to take crime prevention action in their communities. Leadership includes a nominee's ability to influence local or provincial policies which have, in turn, effected positive change and the development of safer communities. Leadership also includes nominees who have developed and/or implemented an innovative crime prevention idea, project, or strategy in their community.

## Working Together

Demonstrate how the nominee has built partnerships (within government, with communities, municipalities, and schools) that tackle the root causes of crime. Working together includes the encouragement of collaboration with community members, government, and/or the business community by communicating, cooperating, and coordinating crime prevention initiatives and activities.

## Innovative, Inclusive & Flexible

Consideration will be given to those nominees who have demonstrated innovation, inclusiveness, and flexibility in responding to changing circumstances in our communities, as well as changing patterns of crime throughout Nova Scotia.

# Minister's Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention Award Nomination Form

Completed nomination forms must be received by **February 24, 2012**. Please complete this form (you may do so by typing here directly, or print and complete by hand), and mail a printed, final copy to:

## Crime Prevention Unit

Department of Justice – Public Safety & Security

5151 Terminal Road, 1st Flr., Halifax, NS B3J 2L6

**Tel:** (902) 424-0123, **Email:** crimepreventionunit@gov.ns.ca

## Justification for Nomination

Nominators must complete this section and attach it to page one of the Nomination Form. Also, please attach any relevant reports, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, etc to the Nomination Form.

In the space provided below, please describe the nominee's crime prevention accomplishments. The review committee will base their selection on how the nominee has shown commitment, empowerment, and leadership, as well as how the nominee has worked together with others within their community. Include any of the nominee's attributes/ accomplishments that you believe the selection committee should be aware of.

**Description is not to exceed 400 words.**

## The nominator

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## The nominee

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Award (please check one):

- Individual       Youth       Community Group or Organization  
 Policing       Media       Business or Corporation

**Description of Nominee's Accomplishments** (Description is not to exceed 400 words):