



Saskatoon Police Chief Clive Weighill is the 2016 Recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal for Excellence in Public Administration in Saskatchewan

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The IPAC Saskatchewan Regional Group is pleased to announce that Chief Clive Weighill of the Saskatoon Police Service is the recipient of the 2016 Gold Medal for Excellence in Public Administration. Media are invited to attend the ceremony at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 20 at Government House in Regina when Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield will present this prestigious award to Chief Weighill.

“We are very pleased to be providing this honour to Chief Weighill given his commitment to partnering with the community and implementing innovative policing practices in the City of Saskatoon” said Fabian Contreras, President of IPAC Saskatchewan.

IPAC Saskatchewan annually awards a gold medal as a mark of distinction and exceptional achievement to a person or a team who, in the opinion of independent judges, has shown distinctive leadership in public administration in Saskatchewan, or who, by writings or other endeavours, has made a significant contribution in the field of public administration in Saskatchewan.

Recent recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal include Clare Isman, Ron Styles, Sharon Lee Smith, Dr. Michael Atkinson, Patricia Youzwa, and Doug Moen.

For further information, please see the event details at IPAC Saskatchewan's web site and the ImPACT Newsletter:

<http://www.ipac.ca/Saskatchewan/SaskEvents>

<https://impactsk.com/2016/08/29/lieutenant-governors-gold-medal-award-ceremony/>

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About IPAC

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) is a national, bilingual non-profit organization focused on the theory and practice of public management. The Saskatchewan Regional Group is one of 18 regional groups across Canada. IPAC is also linked to forums and networks nationally and internationally. IPAC promotes and celebrates good practices and innovations in the public sector and membership is open to public servants in the provincial, municipal, federal and regional governments; students and professors of administration; and private sector partners of government.

Chief Weighill's Citation

Clive Weighill has served as a police officer in Saskatchewan for over 40 years. During his time with the Regina Police Service he worked in many areas, and during 10 years as Deputy Chief, he was part of a leadership team that provided effective and progressive policing to the City of Regina. He became Chief of Police in Saskatoon in 2006. Under his leadership, Saskatoon recorded a 29% decrease in the total crime rate between 2007 and 2012, and a further 6% decrease from 2012 to 2013. Chief Weighill was instrumental in the development of a state of the art police station, which was opened in 2014.

Chief Weighill has been an active member of the Saskatchewan, Canadian, and International Associations of Chiefs of Police, and in 2014, he was elected President of the Canadian Association. He has a long-standing involvement in police information and intelligence, serving in leadership positions both provincially and nationally. He was Chair of the Canadian Intelligence Service Saskatchewan and Co-Chair of the National Police Information Services Advisory Board. He chaired the Business Requirements Sub-Committee, which developed the business requirements for the 134-million-dollar modernization of the Canadian Police Information Centre (known as CPIC), on which all police agencies rely for accurate and timely information.

Chief Weighill has lectured across Canada at community, professional, and academic meetings, and has appeared before Parliamentary Committees on policing issues. In 2013, he was selected to participate in a police delegation to Afghanistan and Israel.

Chief Weighill would merit consideration for this Award on the basis of all of the achievements and contributions I have just detailed, but, even more impressive is his record in transforming the Saskatoon Police Service. At the time of his appointment as Chief in 2006, two previous Chiefs had been dismissed by the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners, and the Service

faced allegations of police misconduct, some of which resulted in public discipline proceedings. There was both internal discord and loss of trust from the community. Immediately upon his appointment, Chief Weighill took steps to restore public confidence in the Service and to raise internal morale. While acknowledging the challenges, he was careful not to criticize his predecessors, taking every opportunity to provide them with credit for a foundation on which he would build.

Chief Weighill's leadership restored public confidence, and his open and honest manner gained the respect of his colleagues and subordinates. During his tenure, the Police Service underwent a remarkable transformation from a demoralized organization to one with high morale, despite the inherent stresses of police work.

Chief Weighill's exemplary public service has been recognized by numerous awards, including the Police Exemplary Service Medal and Bar, the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and he is one of only a handful of serving police officers in Canada to hold the Commander of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

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