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The CACP selects Chief Evan Bray and Deputy Chief William Fordy to receive the CACP Recognition Award

Ottawa, Ontario – During the Opening Ceremonies of the 118th Annual Summit of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACAP), two individuals were recognized for demonstrating exceptional involvement, extraordinary support, and outstanding initiative in advancing the CACP's goals and strategic priorities. Chosen by CACP President Chief Danny Smyth, with an endorsement from the Board of Directors, winners of the distinguished *CACP Recognition Award* are considered to be leaders among leaders. They are individuals who exemplify the association's values of courage, integrity, respect, transparency, inclusiveness, excellence, and compassion.

This year, the CACP recognized the contributions of **Chief Evan Bray (retired)** from the Regina Police Service and **Deputy Chief William Fordy** from the Niagara Regional Police Service for their exceptional leadership and invaluable guidance as co-chairs of the association's Special Purpose Committee on Firearms.

They assumed this role back in August of 2018 with a mandate to report on the national situation and trends of criminal gun sourcing, gun-related issues hampering police investigations, and to offer potential options to help address gun violence in Canada.

With the help of a multidisciplinary team involving the police, border services, prosecutors, and other key stakeholders from both Canada and the United States, they have proposed strategic approaches, undertaken legislative initiatives, supported education and prevention, and spearheaded new data collection and information practices.

They understand and support regulations that place a priority on public safety and the protection of the most vulnerable among us. They have been the face and voice of the CACP influencing federal legislation by appearing before parliamentary committees and influencing public perception and understanding by granting media interviews.

They have created a forum where competing perspectives and concerns could be openly expressed, thereby ensuring that consideration is given to the views of all stakeholders, from all regions of the country, including both urban and rural settings.

The CACP Recognition award is presented to Chief Bray and Deputy Chief Fordy in recognition of their leadership and invaluable advice on a very complex and sensitive national policing priority. The success of a professional association depends on the commitment and engagement of its members and the CACP has been fortunate to be able to count on these two individuals.

“There is no topic more polarizing, divisive and emotionally charged than firearms, and there were no greater unifying, collaborative and productive forces than Chief Evan Bray and Deputy Chief Bill Fordy to help advance firearm-related issues on behalf of the CACP,” stated CACP President Chief Danny Smyth. *“We have been privileged to have these officers as members and they both deserve the recognition and accolades that come with this award.”*

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