

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

28th Annual Community Justice Awards 2019

August 30, 2019
1 - 3 p.m.

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Edmonton, Alberta

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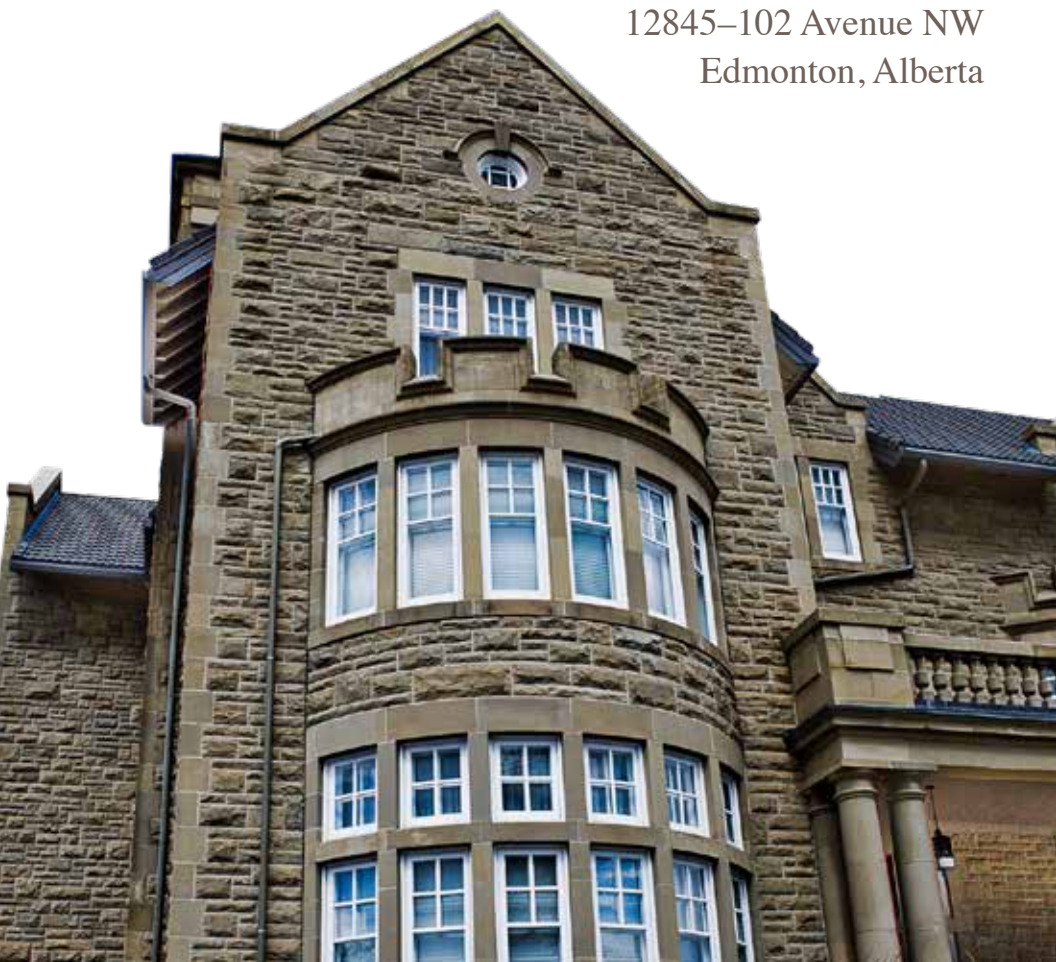
*Note: A photographer provided by RCMP "K" Division will
be taking pictures of the ceremony and of the award recipients.
Copies will be provided to the award recipients.*

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The Alberta Community Justice Awards
recognize the outstanding contributions
of individuals and organizations
promoting community justice in the province.

The awards are in the categories of
Leadership, Community Mobilization, Partnerships and
Collaboration, and Service Enhancement.

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General is co-hosting
the ceremony with RCMP "K" Division.



2018 Community Justice Award recipients, dignitaries, and participants



2019 COMMUNITY JUSTICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

LEADERSHIP

Jean Jacques "JJ" Beauchamp
Innisfail Restorative Justice Society

Gordon Sand
Calgary John Howard Society

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Adonus Arlett
Lethbridge Corridor Victim Services Unit

SERVICE ENHANCEMENT

Taber Police Service Auxiliary Policing Program
Town of Taber

Tanya Leukefeld
Calgary Youth Justice Society

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

YWCA Lethbridge Amethyst Project
City of Lethbridge

Edmonton Police Service, Community Action Team
City of Edmonton





PROGRAM

Dignitaries and award recipients will be escorted into the ceremony by members of the RCMP "K" Division

PIPER

**David Locky
RCMP Pipes & Drums**

HONOUR GUARDS

**Sergeant Major Leilani Collins
Staff Sergeant Major Darryl Urano
Sergeant Jennifer Barnes
Corporal David Brosinsky**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Edmonton Police Service Choral Group

WELCOME

**Corporal Ronald Bumbry
*Master of Ceremonies***

OPENING REMARKS

**Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki, M.O.M.
Commanding Officer
*Royal Canadian Mounted Police "K" Division***





AWARD PRESENTATIONS & CITATIONS

Mr. Mickey Amery
MLA, Calgary-Cross
on behalf of

Honourable Doug Schweitzer
Minister, Justice and Solicitor General

Carsten Erbe
Director, Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice Unit
Justice and Solicitor General

HONOUR SONG

Janice Randhile
Lead Vocalist
Spirit Woman Singers

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Mickey Amery
MLA, Calgary-Cross
on behalf of

Honourable Doug Schweitzer
Minister, Justice and Solicitor General

Reception to follow



Message from Honourable Doug Schweitzer Minister, Justice and Solicitor General



On behalf of the Government of Alberta, welcome to the 2019 Community Justice Awards.

The Community Justice Awards recognize and celebrate outstanding Albertans who have improved the lives of others and strengthened their communities through crime prevention initiatives. They are a reminder that we all have a role to play in keeping our communities strong, safe, and secure.

Initiatives can take many different forms: from restorative justice practices, to collaborations with local law enforcement agencies, to advocating on behalf of victims of crime. In their own way, each of today's award recipients has made significant contributions to crime prevention within their communities.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to all award recipients being recognized today for their efforts. Your contributions have made Alberta an even better place to live and work.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all frontline service providers, non-profit organizations, volunteers, and law enforcement agencies who are committed to making a difference in Alberta communities every day.

Improving community safety requires a collaborative effort from all of us. This year's recipients exemplify that by working together and building lasting partnerships with one another, we can improve the lives of all Albertans.

Doug Schweitzer
Minister, Justice and Solicitor
General

Message from Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki, M.O.M. Royal Canadian Mounted Police "K" Division

The Alberta RCMP is proud to co-host this year's Alberta Community Justice Awards.

Each of this year's award recipients represents the best of what Albertans have to offer; a deep-rooted commitment in looking out for one another and keeping their families, friends and neighbours safe.

In partnership with Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and on behalf of the Alberta RCMP, I would like to express my gratitude to all of this year's Alberta Community Justice Award recipients. This small gesture of recognition pales in comparison to the time and energy our award recipients have invested to find new and promising ways to keep Alberta safe.

Thank you for your important work. I know that each of you have truly made a difference in communities across the province, both in rural areas and urban centres alike.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of our many partners in public safety: our enforcement partners in police services, non-profit organizations, service providers, and volunteers. Alberta RCMP relies on this rich diversity of experience and knowledge to advance our shared goals of strong and resilient communities.



This goal can only be accomplished when all of us work together. This level of collaboration, rooted in trust, opens up opportunities to identify trends and vulnerabilities in our communities we may not have seen before and helps us find ways to improve the way we serve Albertans.

Through example and leadership, our award recipients and our partners in policing and crime prevention have encouraged and empowered others to continue to build relationships in service of a single vision – an Alberta where our families can feel safe in every corner of this province.

Deputy Commissioner Curtis
Zablocki M.O.M.
Commanding Officer,
RCMP "K" Division

2019 LEADERSHIP CATEGORY

Jean Jacques "JJ" Beauchamp

Innisfail Restorative Justice Society



JBeauchamp is the volunteer chair and program coordinator/facilitator for the Innisfail Restorative Justice Society (IRJS). He has shown leadership and commitment to restorative justice throughout his storied career.

His vocation began in the 1970s when he was employed with the Canadian military, where he applied restorative justice principles to deal with staff conflicts.

In the 1980s, he worked with Correctional Services Canada where he created the "Peer Mediation" program, which has been applied in the public sector as an effective conflict resolution tool.

He later returned to Alberta, where he started offering courses to the public in community conferencing and other restorative justice practices. He also founded the IRJS program, where he developed significant relationships with the RCMP, the Crown, the community and the province in the interest of offering restorative justice services to the community.

Now considered a provincial restorative justice expert, JJ continues to chair the IRJS, lecture at universities and publish papers on the subject. He has helped mentor new and established rural restorative justice organizations and youth justice committees.

In 2012, JJ served as Chair of the Alberta Restorative Justice Association. He has taught restorative justice practices in Brazil and continues to work with organizations there. Through his work with the IRJS, JJ has facilitated over 700 sessions over 4,200 hours.

Gordon Sand

Calgary John Howard Society

Gordon Sand has been the Director of the Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) for 38 years, but his work in criminal justice spans 45 years. He has grown the CJHS from 20 employees with one halfway house to 150 staff and a multitude of programs that serve a wide variety of individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

He has chaired the Calgary Healthy Cities Association board and was president of the Prairie Region Halfway House Association. Previously, he sat on the board of Linden Family Services, Public Legal Education Network of Alberta, Citizens' Advisory Committee for Correctional Services Canada, and the Alberta Criminal Justice Association.

In 2005, he helped lead the Canadian Criminal Justice Association's National Congress. He also served as an instructor in the Criminology program at Mount Royal University, and has been involved in a social enterprise program which hires offenders released from prison.



An advocate of community-focused and restorative approaches to crime, Gordon helped start Calgary's drug treatment court, Restorative Actions for Transformation, and the Calgary Youth Justice Committee, Calgary's Fetal Alcohol Network, and, in partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society, the Berkana Halfway House for women.

Gordon was honored with the 1999 Humanitarian Service Award and the 2010 Jim McLatchie Award from JHS Canada.

2019 PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION CATEGORY

Adonus Arlett

Lethbridge Corridor Victim Services Unit

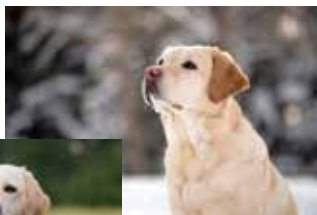


Adonus Arlett is dedicated to serving communities and working with vulnerable populations. As program manager for the Lethbridge Corridor Victim Services Unit over the past six years, she has worked exceptionally hard to foster relationships and build partnerships with individuals and agencies.

Adonus provides care and compassion to victims of crime, as well as volunteers and other staff. She has built relationships with the Crown Prosecutor's Office with the aim of helping victims navigate the court system. She has also collaborated with victim service units across the province to better facilitate the transfer of victims from one community to another.

Adonus introduced a victim services support dog named Madison to help victims feel safe and comfortable throughout the criminal justice process. She also works to increase awareness of victimization and reduce the stigma of receiving support for victims.

Adonus also participates in community events such as family picnics, children's fairs, and parades, as well as community boards and committees, which allow her to build lasting community connections.



Taber Police Service Auxiliary Policing Program

Town of Taber

The Taber Police Service Auxiliary Policing Program has been operating as a volunteer service since the 1980s. In 2018, auxiliary officers volunteered a total of 655 hours to serve their community. These officers are college students, parents, health care professionals, teachers, bankers and electricians; they come from all walks of life.

Auxiliary officers bridge the gap between police and the public; they volunteer their time to keep the community safe and prevent crime. They not only enhance community policing and crime prevention, but also engage in community building activities, including community events, fundraisers and activities geared toward Taber's youth.



Several former auxiliary constables have followed their passion for policing and have become sworn members of the Taber Police Service and other law enforcement agencies. They are true pillars of the community.



Regular Members of the Taber Police Service with Auxiliary Policing Program Participants and Trusty the Mascot.

2019 SERVICE ENHANCEMENT CATEGORY

Tanya Leukefeld

Calgary Youth Justice Society



Tanya Leukefeld has been a volunteer with the Calgary Youth Justice Society for 13 years and is the chairperson of her local Youth Justice Committee (YJC). She also serves as a program coordinator for all 14 youth justice committees, serving 270 communities in Calgary.

Tanya played a key role in developing a comprehensive training program for YJC volunteers in Calgary. She works to enhance essential partnerships with the Crown, the Calgary Police Service, the Youth Criminal Defense Office and the Calgary Youth Attendance Centre and educate people about the importance of referrals to YJC processes.

She has also built relationships with 33 community partners to help youth meet their sanctions agreements with the City of Calgary.

Recently, after recognizing a gap in service, Tanya co-developed a program called 'In the Lead 180'; an extrajudicial sanctions referral option. She encouraged her network of community partners to participate, and supported a successful application for funding.

Tanya was also instrumental in co-developing and implementing a pilot project in partnership with immigrant-serving agencies to support immigrant youth involved in the justice system.

YWCA Lethbridge Amethyst Project

City of Lethbridge



The YWCA Lethbridge Amethyst Project is a 24-hour support program for women, men and children who have experienced sexual violence, as well as their families, friends, caregivers and partners. Project advocates help victims regain control of their lives and begin to heal by offering trauma-informed support and clear, non-judgemental information about available options.

Amethyst Project also provides the Third Option for individuals who report a sexual assault while attending the Chinook Regional Hospital. This program gives people reporting a recent sexual assault a choice: they can either choose the traditional process of receiving medical treatment, contacting the police, completing a sexual assault kit and navigating the justice system, they can choose not to report, or opt for the Third

Option and have a sexual assault kit completed and stored, giving them up to one year to decide if they want to pursue the criminal justice route.

Regardless of the individual's choice, project advocates support them throughout the entire process. Project staff also give presentations about sexual violence to community stakeholders, high risk groups, and the general public.

Edmonton Police Service, Community Action Team

City of Edmonton



The Edmonton Police Service's Community Action Team (CAT) was created to bring police and community partners together to address violence, crime, and disorder in at-risk neighbourhoods, and saturate high-crime areas with mobile, highly-visible police officers to target specific crimes.

Communities engage with the CAT team in prevention and intervention based activities. Each CAT deployment is customized to address the unique needs of the community, and partner agencies are invited to connect with community members who need support.



Since its inception in 2015, CAT's deployments have become more intelligence-led, including the use of evidence-based crime management practices and analysis.

By participating in community consultations, CAT has paved the way for broader conversations about public safety in high-crime areas.



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In recognition of
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2019



