

Eligibility Criteria

The Canadian Police Knowledge Network's F. Darren Smith Award of Excellence recognizes individuals who are making a significant impact on police professional development in Canada. Nominations are open to all sworn and civilian members of the Canadian police community, including individuals employed by police services, police training academies or colleges, and / or related organizations involved in police professional development.

Nominees must have demonstrated one or more of the following in the field of police professional development:

- Exceptional leadership
- Visionary thinking
- Strong dedication
- Notable innovation

Documents Required

The following documents must be submitted with the application form:

- One (1) completed nomination form
- One (1) nomination letter outlining why the nominee should be considered for the award and what criteria they fit.
- One (1) letter of reference from an individual who can speak to the nominee's contributions and impact made to police professional development.

Completed nominations must be received by **Friday, July 24, 2026, at 11:45 p.m. (ET)** by email:

communications@cpgn.ca

Note: The Canadian Police Knowledge Network will not consider incomplete applications.

Nomination Form

Nominee

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Position _____

Service / Organization _____

Nominator

Full Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Reference

1. Full Name _____ Email _____

Attachments

- Nomination form
- Letter of nomination
- Reference letter

The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 31(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Prince Edward Island) for the purpose of account management, updating the Canadian Police Knowledge Network's information database, and determining eligibility to receive an award. By submitting a formal request under PEI FOIPP legislation, an individual may access letters of reference or other personal information held about them. You have the right to refuse to provide a reference. Questions regarding the collection, use, or disclosure of this information should be directed to Rachel Cutcliffe, Director of Outreaching and Communications, the Canadian Police Knowledge Network at rachel.cutcliffe@cpkn.ca or 902-218-9223.