

Award Presentation

Hosted by the
Toronto Police Services Board
and
Toronto Police Service

In recognition of admirable contributions by
Members of the Community

Sunday, April 30, 2017
at 1:00 p.m.

Grand Foyer
Toronto Police Headquarters
40 College Street
Toronto, Ontario

Platform Guests

**Councillor Chin Lee, Acting Chair
Toronto Police Services Board**

&

**Acting Deputy Chief Richard Stubbings
Toronto Police Service**

Master of Ceremonies

Inspector Domenic Sinopoli

Programme

Introduction

Inspector Domenic Sinopoli

Opening Remarks

Councillor Chin Lee

&

Acting Deputy Chief Richard Stubbings

Presentations

Community Member Award

The following members of the community are granted a Community Member Award by the Toronto Police Services Board for grateful acknowledgement of unselfish assistance rendered to the Service.

Honorific	Name	Submitted By
Ms.	BOUCHER, Camille	11 Division
Mr.	COUGHLAN, Patrick	11 Division
Mr.	PECKEL, Ariel	11 Division
Mr.	TATOSS, Bryan	11 Division
Mr.	DAMENT, Kieran	11 Division
Mr.	GOODWIN, Timothy	13 Division
Mr.	POULIN, Jacob	13 Division
Mr.	GONZALEZ CARRERA, Alan	22 Division
Ms.	STOJANOVIC, Erika	22 Division
Mr.	DERMODY, Richard	32 Division
Mr.	KAYALICA, Sevilay	32 Division
Mr.	BINGHAM, James	32 Division
Mr.	CHOJECKI, Maciej	32 Division
Mr.	SZAJKO, Istvan	32 Division
Ms.	CHERON, Claire	41 Division
Mr.	GUERRERO, Fabio	41 Division
Ms.	KEYORK, Evone	41 Division
Mr.	ROWEN, Scott	41 Division
Mr.	BAILEY, Jim	42 Division
Mr.	BLANCHARD, Kevin	43 Division
Ms.	HINDS, Leanna	43 Division
Mr.	KUMAR, Alex	43 Division
Mr.	LEWIS, Sterling	43 Division
Ms.	LIM, Sheryn	43 Division
Mr.	NUCCI, Michael	43 Division
Ms.	PHILLIPS, Melissa	43 Division
Ms.	POMPEY, Michaela	43 Division
Mr.	PTASZNYK, Walter	43 Division

Community Member Awards Continued

Honorific	Name	Submitted By
Ms.	SNELLMAN, Natalie	43 Division
Mr.	APPADURAI, Linganithi	43 Division
Mr.	FRASER, Michael	51 Division
Mr.	JASSAL, Vivek	51 Division
Ms.	MZILIANO, Chiara	51 Division
Ms.	SHEFFIELD, Lorraine	51 Division
Ms.	SMITH, Chelsea	51 Division
Ms.	WESOLOWSKA, Krystyna	51 Division
Mr.	BLAINE, Randy	52 Division
Ms.	GARBELLA, Carlie	52 Division
Mr.	HAJINASIRI, Oktay	52 Division
Mr.	PENDRITH, James	52 Division
Ms.	BAKIC, Natalia	53 Division
Ms.	FORBES-HARLEY, Marla	53 Division
Mr.	HIRJI, Aly	54 Division
Mr.	MIRZA, Hakim	53 Division
Ms.	TIRPANJI, Hilal	54 Division
Ms.	BATES, Susan	55 Division
Ms.	DALEY, Andrea	55 Division
Ms.	SAMSA, Silvia	55 Division
Mr.	EL-SAYED, Salem	Communications
Mr.	AYUBZADA, Mohammad	Hold-up
Mr.	COOKE, Troy	Traffic Services

Refreshments are served in the Grenville Street Lobby

**Ms. Camille Boucher, Mr. Patrick Coughlan and Mr. Kieran Dament
Submitted by 11 Division**

On March 10, 2016, a woman was alone in a bank vestibule when a suspicious man entered. The man's face was concealed with a bandana and he was armed with a knife and pepper spray. He demanded money from the woman and when she did not immediately comply he violently struck her in the face, knocking her to the ground. At the same time, Ms. Camille Boucher was walking by the bank and witnessed the assault. She immediately went inside to assist the woman by placing herself in between the victim and the suspect while she verbally confronted him. The suspect deployed the pepper spray at Ms. Boucher but it did not deter her. He then fled the bank. Ms. Boucher remained with the victim until the police and ambulance arrived.

As the suspect was fleeing, Mr. Kieran Dament and Mr. Patrick Coughlan were walking in the area and noticed the man running away from the bank in a suspicious manner. They observed the man run into a nearby school yard, change his clothing and throw a bag onto the school roof. Mr. Dament and Mr. Coughlan returned to the robbery location and reported their observations to officers.

Officers retrieved the discarded bag and found that it contained clothing worn by the man during the robbery. Officers also located additional evidence next to the bag including the knife and pepper spray.

In recognition of their keen observations and willingness to help, Ms. Camille Boucher, Mr. Patrick Coughlan and Mr. Kieran Dament are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Ariel Peckel and Mr. Bryan Tatoss
Submitted by 11 Division**

On October 3, 2016, Mr. Ariel Peckel observed a woman climbing on to the railing of a bridge. Without hesitation, he approached the woman and tried to dissuade her from climbing further over the railing. As the woman would not listen to reason, Mr. Peckel made the decision to grab a hold of her and try to pull her off the railing. The woman began to struggle with Mr. Peckel.

At the same time, Mr. Bryan Tatoss was walking by and was asked by Mr. Peckel to call 911. Mr. Tatoss did so and went to assist Mr. Peckel with restraining the woman.

Officers arrived a short time later and the woman was taken to the hospital for treatment.

In recognition of their brave actions and compassion for a person in crisis, Mr. Ariel Peckel and Mr. Bryan Tatoss are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Timothy Goodwin
Submitted by 13 Division**

On June 24, 2016, officers responded to a call for an assault that had recently occurred at a subway station. Officers observed the man walking away from the subway station. When they attempted to speak with the man, he became violent and a struggle ensued.

Mr. Timothy Goodwin was walking on the opposite side of the street when he noticed the ongoing struggle. Without hesitation, Mr. Goodwin crossed the street and assisted the officers with getting the man under control and placed in handcuffs.

In recognition of quick actions, Mr. Timothy Goodwin is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Mr. Jacob Poulin
Submitted by 13 Division

On October 31st, 2016, an off duty officer was making his way through Union Station when he noticed a crowd of people gathered around a woman lying on the ground and Mr. Jacob Poulin tending to her.

The officer directed an onlooker to call 911 as he attempted to gain more insight into the situation. No one seemed to know the woman or how she fell. Mr. Poulin advised that she was lying on the ground when he found her and that he wasn't sure if she was breathing as she only appeared to occasionally exhale, but did not inhale. Mr. Poulin was in the midst of opening a CPR face shield when the off duty officer arrived. The men placed the woman in the recovery position as they assessed her further. With no pulse detected, the men began CPR. GO Transit Security Officers arrived a few minutes later and took over until Paramedics arrived.

Paramedics were able to re-establish a pulse after prolonged and sufficient resuscitation efforts. Mr. Poulin remained on scene and provided pertinent information to the GO Transit Security Officers.

In recognition of his lifesaving efforts, Mr. Jacob Poulin is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Mr. Alan Gonzalez Carrera and Erika Stojanovic
Submitted by 22 Division**

On September 2, 2016, Mr. Alan Gonzalez Carrera and Ms. Erika Stojanovic were driving by a bus shelter when they noticed 3 small children inside with a woman on the ground that appeared to be having a seizure.

Mr. Gonzalez Carrera immediately pulled over, and Ms. Stojanovic ran to the bus shelter to render assistance to the woman. After her episode, the woman attempted to stand up not realizing what had just occurred. Ms. Stojanovic reassured the woman that everything was ok and called for an ambulance. Mr. Gonzalez Carrera attended the bus shelter and both he and Ms. Stojanovic remained with the woman and the 3 children until Paramedics arrived.

In recognition of their keen observations and quick actions, Mr. Alan Gonzalez Carrera and Ms. Erika Stojanovic are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Richard Dermody and Mr. Sevilay Kayalica
Submitted by 32 Division**

On June 21, 2016, police were notified of a stolen vehicle with 2 male occupants entering the Yorkdale Mall parking lot. The 2 men were being tracked inside the mall and appeared to be hanging around the guest services area.

The attending officer and Security Guards Richard Dermody and Sevilay Kayalica attended the area and approached the 2 men. As the officer attempted to place one of the men under arrest, a struggle ensued. Security Guards Dermody and Kayalica acted immediately and went to assist the officer. As they struggled the man pulled his hand from underneath him and pointed a gun directly at the officer before it flew out of his hand onto the floor. Security Guard Kayalica retrieved the gun as the officer and Security Guard Dermody gained control of the man and placed him in handcuffs.

In recognition of their quick actions, Security Guards Richard Dermody and Sevilay Kayalica are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. James Bingham, Mr. Maciej Chojecki and Mr. Istvan Szajko
Submitted by 32 Division**

On January 24, 2017, Mr. Istvan Szajko was driving by an intersection when he witnessed a gun point robbery occur on the sidewalk. He observed the suspect board a TTC bus in an attempt to flee the area. Mr. Szajko followed the bus as he phoned 911 to relay the situation and current location of the suspect to the police.

As the bus came to a stop, police officers and TTC Special Constables James Bingham and Maciej Chojecki located the suspect. As the officers attempted to place the suspect under arrest a struggle ensued. TTC Constables Bingham and Chojecki assisted the officers in gaining control of the suspect and placing him under arrest. During the course of the arrest, the TTC Constables alerted the officers of a bulge in the side pocket of the suspect's pants which turned out to be a loaded gun that was used in the robbery.

In recognition of their quick actions and keen observations, TTC Special Constables James Bingham and Maciej Chojecki are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Ms. Claire Cheron and Ms. Evone Keyork
Submitted by 41 Division**

On March 20, 2016, Ms. Claire Cheron and Ms. Evone Keyork were at a bowling alley when they witnessed an elderly man collapse at his lane. The women immediately rushed over to assist the man. Realizing that he was unconscious and not breathing, the women began CPR until Paramedics arrived.

Paramedics arrived a short time later and took over the lifesaving efforts. They were eventually able to revive the man before transporting him to the hospital for further treatment. Paramedics advised the officers on scene that the quick actions of Ms. Cheron and Ms. Keyork most certainly saved the elderly male's life.

In recognition of their lifesaving actions, Ms. Claire Cheron and Ms. Evone Keyork are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Fabio Guerrero and Mr. Scott Rowen
Submitted by 41 Division**

On January 11, 2016, the victim in this matter was awoken to the sound of her estranged husband repeatedly honking his car horn while parked outside of her home. The woman went outside and was convinced to get in the car as it was cold outside. Once the victim entered the car, the man drove off.

The man brandished a knife and repeatedly threatened the female. He eventually drove to a parking lot and sexually assaulted the woman. As the assault was occurring, Mr. Fabio Guerrero and Mr. Scott Rowen were working in the area and passed the parked vehicle. Believing there was something wrong; the 2 men approached the vehicle and confronted the male occupant. As a result of this interruption, the woman was able to flee the vehicle to safety.

The man was arrested and charged with a number of offences.

In recognition of their keen observations, Mr. Fabio Guerrero and Mr. Scott Rowen are awarded with Community Member Awards.

Mr. Jim Bailey
Submitted by 42 Division

On July 5, 2016, 3 young men violently attacked and robbed another young man at a bus stop. The victim was able to get away and make his way to safety.

Mr. Jim Bailey was in the area and witnessed the violent assault and immediately went to assist the victim as he phoned 911. Mr. Bailey was then able to safely follow the 3 suspects in his vehicle, while continually keeping the dispatcher updated on their location and descriptions. Mr. Bailey never lost sight of the 3 suspects and when police arrived in the area he was able to point them out. The 3 suspects were arrested without incident.

In recognition of his quick thinking and willingness to help, Mr. Jim Bailey is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Mr. Sterling Lewis
Submitted by 43 Division**

On July 17, 2016, Mr. Sterling Lewis was parked in his vehicle at an intersection when he overheard a woman talking on her phone about being assaulted and telling someone to leave her alone. Mr. Lewis, observing the woman's injuries, offered to call an ambulance, but she refused. The victim disclosed that she was in an abusive relationship and that she was terrified of her boyfriend. Mr. Lewis spoke with the woman in a supportive manner and encouraged her not to go home. He was eventually able to convince her to report her boyfriend to the police. Mr. Lewis drove the victim to 43 Division and remained with her as she spoke to police.

The woman, fearing for her safety, was untruthful with police about who her boyfriend was and later became uncooperative in the investigation. Recognizing the severity of such an abusive situation, Mr. Lewis stepped forward and provided police with the correct information that led to the positive identification of the boyfriend.

In recognition of the compassion shown to a woman in a dangerous situation, Mr. Sterling Lewis is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Ms. Leanna Hinds, Mr. Alex Kumar, Mr. Michael Nucci, Ms. Melissa Phillips, Ms. Michaela Pompey and Ms. Natalie Snellman
Submitted by 43 Division**

On July 18, 2016, Ms. Leanna Hinds and Ms. Michaela Pompey were driving by a parking lot when they witnessed a violent assault occurring. They immediately stopped the car and allowed the victim to enter their vehicle in an attempt to get away from her attacker. The man was able to open the car door and pull the victim out.

The victim managed to run away and into a nearby Goodlife gym where staff escorted her to a back room and called the police. The man burst into the gym, as employees Ms. Natalie Snellman and Mr. Alex Kumar were attempting to lock the front doors. When Mr. Kumar attempted to stop the man from entering, the man pushed him and threatened him with a knife. 2 other employees present, Mr. Michael Nucci who was on the phone with police and Ms. Melissa Phillips were also threatened at knife point by the man.

The Goodlife employees were eventually able to overpower the man and restrain him until police arrived and arrested him.

In recognition of their courageous actions, Ms. Leanna Hinds, Mr. Alex Kumar, Mr. Michael Nucci, Ms. Melissa Phillips, Ms. Michaela Pompey and Ms. Natalie Snellman are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Kevin Blanchard and Mr. Walter Ptaszyk
Submitted by 43 Division**

On August 1, 2016, police were called for a man seen by several passers-by climbing over the railing of a highway overpass.

The officers quickly put together a plan, including stopping vehicular traffic on the highway and the placement of tractor trailers under the overpass to potentially dissuade the victim from jumping or falling that, shorten the fall to minimize injury as much as possible under the circumstances.

Tractor trailer operators Mr. Kevin Blanchard and Mr. Walter Ptaszyk were approached by an officer with the plan and both men volunteered to assist without hesitation.

Thankfully, officers were able to successfully talk the man down from off the railing before any pieces of their plan had to be utilized.

In recognition of their willingness to assist, Mr. Kevin Blanchard and Mr. Walter Ptaszyk are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Liganithi Appadurai and Ms. Sheryn Lim
Submitted by 43 Division**

On September 12, 2016, Ms. Sheryn Lim and her husband Mr. Liganithi Appadurai were walking their dog along Rouge Beach Park when they saw a man standing on a walkway overlooking the water who seemed to be in crisis. Concerned for the man's safety and well-being, Ms. Lim asked him if everything was okay. He told them that he wanted to commit suicide. Ms. Lim asked the man to come down off of the walkway so that they could talk, but without warning, the man jumped off the walkway and into the water. Mr. Appadurai immediately called 911.

Though fearful of the situation, Ms. Lim continued to speak with the man who was now shivering as a result of being submerged in the frigid water. Ms. Lim attempted to comfort the man until emergency services personnel arrived. Mr. Appadurai ran onto the roadway and guided attending officers to the specific area.

A short time later, the man was safely removed and transported to the hospital for treatment.

In recognition of their keen observations and the compassion they showed, Ms. Sheryn Lim and Mr. Liganithi Appadurai are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Mr. Michael Fraser, Ms. Lorraine Sheffield and Ms. Krystyna Wesolowska
Submitted by 51 Division**

On June 30, 2016 officers responded to an attempted suicide call. Upon arrival, the officers observed a woman attempting to jump off a bridge. There were also 3 citizens, Mr. Michael Fraser, Ms. Lorraine Sheffield, and Ms. Krystyna Wesolowska, holding the woman down, preventing her from jumping. The woman was yelling and screaming and aggressive in her attempts to break free of their grasp. Risking their own safety, Mr. Fraser, Ms. Sheffield and Ms. Wesolowska continued to hold onto the female until the officers arrived and assisted them in getting the female off the bridge railing.

In recognition of their brave actions, Mr. Michael Fraser, Ms. Lorraine Sheffield and Ms. Krystyna Wesolowska are awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Mr. Vivek Jassal and Ms. Chelsea Smith
Submitted by 51 Division**

On July 24, 2016, Mr. Vivek Jassal and Ms. Chelsea Smith were walking down the street when they observed a man lying on his side, at the top of a short flight of stairs leading to a doorway. They initially believed he was gardening, however, after closer examination, they realized the man was in medical distress. Mr. Jassal and Ms. Smith immediately phoned 911 and commenced CPR.

Emergency personnel arrived a short time later and took over the lifesaving efforts.

The man was then transported to the hospital for treatment.

In recognition of their lifesaving actions, Mr. Vivek Jassal and Ms. Chelsea Smith are awarded with Community Member Awards.

**Ms. Chiara Mziliano
Submitted by 51 Divison**

On June 17, 2016, Security officer Chiara Mziliano, was approached by a man explaining that he was concerned for the wellbeing of another resident within his building. Security Officer Mziliano assessed the situation and obtained pertinent information justifying why she needed entry into the apartment.

Upon entry into the apartment, Security Officer Mziliano found an unconscious, unresponsive woman lying on the bathroom floor. She immediately called 911 and commenced CPR until Paramedics arrived.

Paramedics arrived a short time later and thanks to the immediate response by Security Officer Mziliano, they were able to get a pulse and transport the woman to the hospital.

In recognition of her lifesaving actions, Security Officer Chiara Mziliano is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Mr. Randy Blaine
Submitted by 52 Division

On June 14, 2016, an officer attended a call regarding a sexual assault with a weapon. As a result, the officer found herself in a violent confrontation with the suspect as she was attempting to place him under arrest in the lobby of the building.

The officer was alone at the time as back up units had not yet arrived and she was forced to take immediate action to prevent the suspect from fleeing the scene. As they were struggling, the officer was violently attacked and thrown to the ground. The struggle continued out onto the street. At this time, Mr. Randy Blaine happened to be driving by and witnessed the ongoing struggle. He immediately exited his vehicle and rushed over to assist the officer. Mr. Blaine tackled the suspect to the ground which allowed the officer to regain control and handcuff the suspect.

In recognition of his unselfish act of bravery, Mr. Randy Blaine is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Ms. Carlie Garbella
Submitted by 52 Division

On September 20, 2015, Ms. Carlie Garbella was dining with friends in a restaurant when a couple of unknown individuals entered and shot a man and woman who were seated next to Ms. Garbella and then fled.

Ms. Garbella approached the woman who was shot and began to comfort her and examine her gunshot wound. The male victim initially fled the restaurant, however, when he realized the woman was not following him, he returned. Noticing that the man had been shot in the neck, Ms. Garbella assisted by plugging his wound with her fingers to stop the bleeding until Paramedics arrived. Amid all the chaos, Ms. Garbella continued to comfort the female victim.

Both victims were taken to the hospital a short time later for treatment.

Ms. Garbella assisted police with their investigation and became a significant witness at the trial.

In recognition of her unselfish act of bravery, Ms. Carlie Garbella is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Mr. Oktay Hajinasiri
Submitted by 52 Division

On August 22, 2016, Mr. Okay Hajinasiri flagged down police and pointed to 5 suspects who had just recently set off 2 smoke grenades inside a busy fast food restaurant. As officers stopped and exited their vehicles, 1 of the suspects fled the scene. Mr. Hajinasiri wasted no time putting himself in the middle of a potentially violent and dangerous situation and immediately chased the suspect, and assisted police in affecting the arrest.

In recognition of his quick thinking and courageous actions, Mr. Oktay Hajinasiri is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Mr. James Pendrith
Submitted by 52 Division**

On December 31, 2016, Mr. James Pendrith and his girlfriend were walking along the street when they witnessed about 6-7 men viciously attacking another man. The victim was pressed up against a car and yelling "call the cops". Though there were bystanders watching the assault, Mr. Pendrith was the only person to step in and help the victim.

Mr. Pendrith used his body to shield the victim as the suspects continued to punch and kick him. The suspects then turned their attention to Mr. Pendrith and began punching him in the face. He sustained a bloody nose, and a 3" cut under his eye. Eventually, one of the suspects yelled, "the cops are coming" and they all fled the area.

The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment. The statements provided by Mr. Pendrith and his girlfriend would contribute to the subsequent arrest of 3 of the attackers.

In recognition of his brave actions and willingness to help, Mr. James Pendrith is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Mr. Hakim Mirza
Submitted by 53 Division

On November 4, 2016, Mr. Hakim Mirza was driving when he noticed a woman who had climbed over the bridge railing and was hanging onto the exterior. Without any hesitation or regard for his own safety, Mr. Mirza immediately stopped his vehicle ran over to the woman, grabbed a hold of her and pulled her back from the edge of the bridge. Nearby citizens phoned 911 and the woman was eventually transported to the hospital for treatment.

In recognition of his quick and courageous actions, Mr. Hakim Mirza is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Ms. Natalia Bakic and Ms. Maria Forbes-Harley
Submitted by 53 Division**

On January 1, 2017, Ms. Natalia Bakic and Ms. Maria Forbes-Harley heard the impact of the accident and approached the vehicles. They observed a man get out the drivers' seat of one of the vehicles and attempt to get into a taxi. The women approached the taxi and told him not to leave. The man then got out of the taxi and started walking down the street. Both women approached the man and physically escorted him back to the area of the accident and turned him over to the responding officers.

The man was slurring and there was an obvious odour of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. He was arrested and charged accordingly thanks to Ms. Bakic and Ms. Forbes-Marley's actions.

In recognition of their selfless actions, Ms. Natalia Bakic and Ms. Maria Forbes-Harley are awarded with Community Member Awards.

Mr. Aly Hirji
Submitted by 54 Division

On March 12, 2017, Mr. Aly Hirji was driving when saw a woman fleeing a mall and 2 store employees calling out for her to stop. Mr. Hirji spoke with the employees and learned that the female had stolen some items.

Mr. Hirji followed the woman to an apartment building where he confronted her and demanded she return the property. The woman complied and turned over a quantity of stolen property to Mr. Hirji who then returned it to the store. The employees told Mr. Hirji that the same woman had pulled a knife on employees two weeks prior when confronted in relation to another suspected theft. As a result of this new information, Mr. Hirji called 911 as he drove around the area in an attempt to locate the woman again. Mr. Hirji successfully located the woman and relayed his location to the dispatcher who then dispatched officers to the location where they were able to arrest the woman. A further quantity of stolen merchandise was recovered.

In recognition of the invaluable assistance provided, Mr. Aly Hirji is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Ms. Hilal Tirpanci
Submitted by 54 Division

On November 11, 2016, police received several calls regarding an individual standing on top of a bridge's railing. Officers attended the area however they were unable to locate any one attempting to commit suicide.

A short while later, Ms. Hilal Tirpanci attended 54 Division with a man and advised the officers that she was driving on a bridge when she noticed a man standing by the railing and peering over the edge. Concerned for his safety, Ms. Tirpanci immediately stopped her vehicle and approached the man as he began to climb onto the barrier of the bridge.

Ms. Tirpanci took hold of the man's leg and began to engage him in conversation. Although he clearly expressed his desire to commit suicide to her, Ms. Tirpanci eventually convinced the man to voluntarily step down off the bridge ledge and accompany her to a police station.

In recognition of her unselfish act of bravery and the compassion shown to a person in crisis, Ms. Hilal Tirpanci is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Ms. Susan Bates
Submitted by 55 Division**

On July 31, 2016, an elderly man with limited knowledge of the English language and his neighbourhood, left his home without notice. The man's son notified police of his absence. Police issued a press release with the media in an attempt to have the public aware of the missing elderly man.

The following day Ms. Susan Bates was riding her bicycle inside a park when saw an elderly man matching the description of the missing man slowly walking in the park. She recalled the description of the missing man from the news report she watched earlier that morning. She stopped her bicycle, kindly got the male's attention and asked him if he was lost. The man understood and responded yes.

Ms. Bates called police and remained with the man, providing him with water and food until police arrived.

In recognition of her keen observations, Ms. Susan Bates is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Ms. Andrea Daley and Ms. Silvia Samsa
Submitted by 55 Division**

On December 18, 2016, police responded to a child abuse call. A 17 year old woman was the victim of years of abuse by her father. Officers attended and after investigating the matter further, arrested the father. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the victim was turning 18 within the next 2 days, officers were having difficulty finding a place of refuge as she did not meet the criteria as a child for most places and the adult facilities were already full.

Officers continued their efforts to locate safe housing for her, including reaching out to their personal network. Fortunately, two selfless citizens, Ms. Andrea Daley and Ms. Silvia Samsa, who had never met the victim were touched by her story and joined police in their efforts. They offered their own time, money and clothing including providing the woman with \$100 worth of TTC tokens for her to travel within the City. They advocated for the woman and were successful in securing housing for her on the day of her 18th birthday.

In recognition of their unselfish act of kindness and compassion, Ms. Andrea Daley and Ms. Silvia Samsa are awarded with Community Member Awards.

Mr. Salem El-Sayed
Submitted by Communications Services

On October 22, 2016, Mr. Salem El-Sayed located a woman in distress. Mr. El-Sayed called 911 and remained remarkably calm throughout the call. He was able to effectively answer ambulance related questions while simultaneously reassuring the victim that help was on the way.

As the call progressed, it became apparent that the woman had been a victim of a sexual assault. The victim's condition worsened throughout the call with her going unconscious and having a seizure. Mr. El-Sayed remained calm, reassuring and effective during this dynamic situation. Furthermore, he provided critical information for the ensuing investigation and arranged for others to direct emergency services to their location in the parking garage.

In recognition of the compassion shown, Mr. Salem El-Sayed is awarded with a Community Member Award.

**Mr. Mohammad Ayubzada
Submitted by Hold Up**

On August 19, 2016, a man entered a bank wearing a dark grey coloured hooded sweatshirt covering his face and proceeded to make his way to the counter.

The man handed the bank employee a note demanding money. The man became agitated as he waited and began banging on the counter and yelling at the bank employee.

A customer in the bank at the time, Mr. Mohammad Ayubzada decided to take action by grabbing a hold of the man. A struggle ensued. The man broke free from Mr. Ayubzada's grasp and ran towards the exit doors. Mr. Ayubzada caught up to him and the men's struggle continued out into the front parking lot. Mr. Ayubzada was able to gain control of the man and held him on the ground until police arrived.

In recognition of his courageous actions, Mr. Mohammad Ayubzada is awarded with a Community Member Award.

Mr. Troy Cooke
Submitted by Traffic Services

On July 10, 2016, a man was driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed in an erratic manner. As he entered an intersection, the man lost control and struck a concrete light pole. The impact was so severe that the pole was knocked to the ground.

Shortly after the collision a witness, Mr. Troy Cooke, approached the vehicle to check on the driver's well-being. At that point, the driver began to run away from the crash scene. Mr. Cooke stopped the accused and held him down until police arrived. The man was extremely aggressive towards Mr. Cooke; at one point biting his face causing cuts and bleeding. Police arrived shortly thereafter and took the man into custody.

In recognition of his unselfish act of bravery, Mr. Troy Cooke is awarded with a Community Member Award.