

2008 J. STANNARD BAKER AWARD WINNERS

STAFF SERGEANT IAN S. MITCHELL ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Staff Sergeant Ian S. Mitchell was selected a 2008 recipient of this prestigious award for his sustained, continuous, and career-spanning extraordinary initiative and creativity in implementing, instructing, and promoting traffic safety programs within the Province of Saskatchewan during his more than 30 years' service with the RCMP.

When Staff Sergeant Mitchell entered the RCMP's traffic program in 1990, he immediately researched traffic problems and directed enforcement efforts toward their solution. He has become during his career an instructor in the following subjects: Alert/Alcotest, first aid, inland water transport, Intoxilyzer 5000, radar/laser speedmeter, Road Safety Vision 2010 and Traffic Team Service Delivery. He became in 1995 a Level IV Traffic Collision Reconstructionist, regularly making physics presentations in high schools; and actually built the auto-sketch computer drawing for the portion of the Advanced Collision Analyst Course he resurrected in 2002. He is recognized as a supervisor, a peer, and an advisor to the collision reconstruction program.

Every unit to which Staff Sergeant Mitchell has been assigned has become more productive during his tenure because of his ability to motivate those with whom he serves. He was promoted to Corporal in 1998; Sergeant, 2003; and Staff/Sergeant, 2006. He currently is the second-in-charge of the "F" Division Traffic Services Program, supervising six traffic services unit commanders, two reconstructionists, and twelve analysts.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell developed in 1997 a community partnership, which built a drag racer, secured authorization to mark it as a police vehicle, and extensively traveled under this "Race Against Drugs" program to highlight the dangers of drugs and street racing. He still is involved with this effort, which has served as "an icebreaker" between law enforcement and young people.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell has held for many years membership in the RCMP "F" Division Pipes and Drums Band and currently is its Band Major.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell has brought his dedication to—and understanding of—the various aspects of traffic safety to bear on all of the problems affecting the safety of those whom he has chosen to serve professionally.

**LEONARD R. “BOB” JACOB
DIRECTOR
INSTITUTE OF POLICE TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (IPTM)
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

Bob Jacob was selected a 2008 recipient of this prestigious award for his sustained, continuous, and career-spanning extraordinary initiative and creativity in promoting virtually every aspect of traffic safety on state, national, and international levels over the past 35 years.

Bob began his traffic-safety career as a trooper with the Virginia State Police on November 16, 1973, became a driving instructor in 1978, was among the first to attend a Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Course in 1980, formalized a RADAR training course of instruction, was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Training Academy in 1980, and taught a variety of traffic courses.

Mr. Jacob joined IPTM in 1984 where he has served as an instructor, teaching thousands of law enforcement officers from every State, numerous U.S. Territories, and several foreign countries; as DUI Section Coordinator; and as its current Director. He promoted early on the use by police officers and prosecutors of the Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and was declared an expert witness in Florida to testify to its correct application and to the contents of the basic and instructor curricula. He has assisted over the past two decades in the development and promotion of myriad law enforcement training curricula, including—but certainly not limited to—DUI Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, DUI Instructor, DUI Case Preparation and Courtroom Presentation, Police Traffic RADAR Instructor, Police Traffic LASER Instructor/Operator, and Traffic Engineering for Police. He initiated in 1988 the annual *Symposium on Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement*.

Bob was appointed in 1993 Florida’s Drug Evaluation and Classification Coordinator, building it into the second largest DRE program in the United States with Florida’s DREs undertaking 581 evaluations in 2007 alone. He served as project manager of *A Florida Validation Study of the Standardized Field Sobriety Test (S.F.S.T.) Battery*, which revalidated the SFST battery at the .08 BAC level; and has been a leading force since 1991 in the development of IPTM’s RADAR /LASER Testing Laboratory, only one of two such operational laboratories approved by the IACP still operating in the U.S.

Among the many committees on which Mr. Jacob has served are:

- IACP Highway Safety Committee
- IACP Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)
- IACP DRE Section since its 1992 creation
- IACP Enforcement Technologies Advisory Technical Subcommittee (ETATS)

- Florida Technical Advisory Committee on DUI Enforcement and Prosecution
- 20-year member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), serving on its National Board of Directors (2003-08)
- Co-chair of the Florida Police Chiefs' Association's Highway Safety Committee since 2003
- Member of the Florida Bicycle Council (1986-90) and the Florida Law Enforcement Driving Task Force (1986-88)

Bob Jacob's dedication to traffic safety has made this country a safer place in which to drive because of his unrelenting determination to validate and promote everywhere the professional knowledge and the proper tools to impact existing problems.

**OFFICER SEAN D. McGRATH
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS**

Officer Sean D. McGrath was selected a 2008 recipient of this prestigious award for his sustained, continuous, and career-spanning extraordinary initiative and creativity in promoting traffic safety within Crystal Lake, Illinois, and in reducing deaths and injuries, particularly among teenagers.

A member of the Crystal Lake, Illinois, Police Department since 1991, Officer McGrath has earned certifications as a breathalyzer operator, a Laser Technology radar/lidar instructor, an "Operation Lifesaver" instructor, and a child passenger safety technician and instructor. He has attended courses in truck weight enforcement, in Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies (TOPS), in Traffic Engineering for Police at IPTM, in the investigation of pedestrian and grade crossing collisions, in field sobriety (HGN) testing, and in motorcycle crash investigation. He is a graduate of the following courses at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety: Traffic Crash Investigation, Traffic Crash Reconstruction, and Managing Police Traffic Services.

Officer McGrath founded "Operation Cool" (now "Operation Click") in Crystal Lake—and has served as its president since its inception in 1998—to encourage students in three high schools to use seat-belts and *not* receive any traffic citation(s) during the school year, and to be eligible thereafter for various prizes. Seat-belt usage rose from 65 percent in 1998, to well over 90 percent in 2007 in those three schools, and the program has been expanded to other jurisdictions. Among the other traffic safety programs in which Officer McGrath has been involved are:

- Establishing a bicycle helmet give-away program for low-income residents

- Instructing at Northern Illinois Medical Center two classes per month on proper child-seat installation for expectant parents
- Creating, securing funding for, and implementing “My First ID,” a computer-generated identification card that can be attached to a child-safety seat and that contains critical medical and identifying information to aid paramedics and doctors, in the event of a collision
- Implementing the Community Alcohol Resistance for Teens and Students (CARTS) program, which uses golf carts, traffic cones, and fatal vision goggles to teach driver-education students the dangers of drinking and driving

Officer McGrath has used his position as a police officer to launch preventive efforts aimed at reducing traffic crashes and the deaths and injuries they produce.