



The World Class Policing Awards 2019

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World Class Policing Awards Celebrate The Very Best Of Policing

Outstanding policing from across the Globe has been celebrated at the first ever World Class Policing Awards, sponsored by Accenture.

Winners from Australia, Dubai, New Zealand and the United Kingdom triumphed at the Awards – held at The Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London - which were attended by representatives from the 54 finalists, drawn from more than 100 outstanding entries from across the world.

The World Class Policing Awards specifically recognise and celebrate the collaborative nature of policing - whether that is a brilliant investigation, a business change project or a multi-agency partnership - in delivering the most effective and efficient way to protect our communities and keep them safe.

Attendees at the Awards included Chief Police officers from across the Globe as well as winners, their partners and sponsors. They were presented by experienced broadcaster Jeremy Vine.

Stephen Kavanagh, Chair of The World Class Policing Awards Steering Committee and former Chief Constable of Essex Police, said: "The World Class Policing Awards have been able to pull together and to identify some outstanding pieces of police work from across the world.

"From countering terrorist attacks, to supporting the vulnerable through to better use of technology to improve learning. Sharing these examples will save time and money and to celebrate the very best of World Class Policing."

Six winners were announced on the night with **Devon and Cornwall Police, from the UK, also crowned overall winner** for Operation Encompass that seeks to support children by ensuring schools are aware when a pupil has been exposed to domestic abuse.

The five other winners were:



Bedfordshire Police working with the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU) for Operation Polarity, a huge, highly-complex and successful three-year cyber-investigation.

New Zealand Police for their Mobility Project that has cut bureaucracy, saving half a million working hours a year.

Norfolk Constabulary for Operation Moonshot which used ANPR and other intelligence tools to disrupt criminality and prevent crime.

Queensland Police for its Tactical First Aid Training Programme that has trained 11,000 frontline officers.

And **Wiltshire Police** for their remarkable response to the unprecedented Novichock attack on residents.

A further six entrants were awarded 'highly commended'.

They were: Dubai Police for smashing an international drugs gang, seizing 365kgs of drugs with a market value of US\$80million.

Durham Police, Victims and Crime Commissioner working with Durham Police for their peer mentoring scheme that reduces demand on policing by supporting the most vulnerable in our society.

The Metropolitan Police Service for their ground-breaking Operation Limelight that tackles FGM and Forced Marriage.

Devon and Cornwall Police for their response to a terror attack on a synagogue in reassuring the Jewish Community and building trusted and lasting relationships.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland for their wide-reaching and innovative approach to public consultation during a time of immense change.

And **Queensland Police** for their early intervention approach to tackling night-time alcohol-related violence resulting in a 50% fall in the assault arrest rate.

Mr Kavanagh concluded: "A huge thank you from the World Class Policing Awards team and our sponsors to all concerned."

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Notes to Editors:

- Media enquiries – should be directed to [Martis Media](https://www.martismedia.co.uk) via natalie@martismedia.co.uk. Natalie also has more information about all the individual winners and highly commended forces.
- For images from the night or of the winners please contact Natalie.
- The hashtag for the event was #WorldClassPolicing
- More information about the awards can be found at www.worldclasspolicing.com



- The inaugural Awards took place 14 November, at the Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London. 54 finalists were selected from over 100 entries received from UK and overseas police forces.
- The World Class Policing Awards are led by a Steering Committee experienced in policing and managing projects in the police sector, as well as expertise in running successful police events: Stephen Kavanagh QPM, former Chief Constable of Essex Police and Chair of the World Class Policing Awards Steering Committee, Paul Leeks, MD of Glasgows - the awards and events specialists who have delivered the Bravery Awards for the Police Federation of England and Wales for the past eight years, Allan Fairley, UK Public Safety MD for Accenture and Chair of techUK's Justice & Emergency Services Committee, Ian Barrett - CoPaCC Director and publishing professional in the police sector with experience developing and delivering the Police Review Gala Awards and Bernard Rix, Publisher of Policing Insight.
- The awards are supported by the [National Police Chiefs Council \(NPCC\)](#), the [Police Federation of England & Wales \(PFEW\)](#), the [Police Superintendents Association \(PSA\)](#), the [College of Policing \(CoP\)](#), the [Police ICT Company \(PICTCo\)](#) and [Tech UK](#).
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