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Devon and Cornwall Police Highly Commended At World Class Policing Awards For Its Response To Synagogue Attack

Devon and Cornwall Police's response to an arson attack on an Exeter synagogue has been rewarded with a 'highly commended' recognition at the World Class Policing Awards.

The city's synagogue underwent a terrifying arson attack in July 2018 when a far-right extremist broke a window in the building, poured in an accelerant and lit it with a match.

Thankfully the building was free of worshippers although the perpetrator was injured in carrying out the attack.

The Devon and Cornwall force's response brought together local CID, counter terrorism colleagues and neighbourhood and diversity staff as well different faith religious centres to provide support to the city's distressed Jewish population.

A successful prosecution was secured and the way the force worked in partnership with the communities involved throughout was praised as an 'example for the whole country' by the UK's Chief Rabbi.

It led to a strong sense of trust and partnership between the force and the Jewish community.

High profile patrols particularly on Jewish holy days and festivals further reassured everyone in the city while information about the incident and preventative guidance for other religious centres was shared widely across the country.

The force beat off competition from 54 finalists, drawn from more than 100 outstanding entries from across the globe, to be highly commended at the new event recognising outstanding police work from across the world.

Judges commented that this was "an example of excellent police work and has helped enhance trust across all communities."

A spokesman added: "Not only does it demonstrate the importance every officer plays in the fight against terrorism, it also shows the importance of working closely across all agencies and sharing information effectively."

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The 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 – which took place at the Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London - included Chief Police officers from across the Globe as well as winners, their partners and sponsors. They were presented by experienced broadcaster Jeremy Vine.

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 - The inaugural World Class Policing Awards took place 14 November, at the Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London. Six winners were announced at the ceremony, one of which was named the overall winner. There were also six commendations.
 - The 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.
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