



The World Class Policing Awards 2019

Sponsored by **accenture**

*****PRESS RELEASE*****

Embargoed until 00.01 on Friday 15 November

Dubai Police Highly Commended At World Class Policing Awards For Smashing International Drugs Ring

Dubai Police's Anti-Narcotics Unit has received a 'highly commended' recognition at the prestigious World Class Policing Awards for smashing an international drugs ring in the largest ever operation of its kind in the United Arab Emirates.

The force beat off competition from 54 finalists, drawn from more than 100 outstanding entries from across the globe, to win a trophy at the new event recognising outstanding police work worldwide.

'Operation Stalker' unearthed evidence that drug smugglers were using car spare part imports to move narcotics around.

Working with Dubai Public Prosecution and Sharjah and Ajman Police, the team undertook three months of surveillance leading to the seizure of a huge haul of drugs.

Crystal Meth, hashish and 365kg of heroin with a street value of \$80million were taken off the streets thanks to the operation. Sixteen international drug dealers were arrested.

The operation also saw the unit successfully deploy new tech to catch the smugglers; facial recognition cameras in UAE ports and industrial areas tracked fleeing gang members, while drones, GPS and x-ray were all used to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Judges commented that this was "an excellent operation resulting in significant seizures and convictions undoubtedly benefiting the public."

A spokesman added: "This was a well-coordinated, managed and executed operation across several agencies and multiple countries. It showed good use of new technologies and excellent benefits to society. Impressive work."

The World Class Policing Awards are sponsored by Accenture.

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.

Notes to Editors:

- Media enquiries should be directed to [Martis Media](#) via natalie@martismedia.co.uk
 - More information about the awards can be found at www.worldclasspolicing.com
 - The hashtag for the event was #WorldClassPolicing
 - More information about the awards can be found at www.worldclasspolicing.com
 - 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.
 - 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](#).
 - The Founder Sponsors of the awards are [Accenture](#), [Sopra Steria](#), [Chorus Intelligence](#), [Grant Thornton](#) and [KPMG](#). Dinner is sponsored by [Amazon Web Services](#) and the Drinks Reception by [NICE](#).
 - Policing Insight (policinginsight.com) and Police Oracle (policeoracle.com) are the official Media Partners for the World Class Policing Awards 2019.
- For information about the awards or the nominations process, contact: wcpa@glasgows.co.uk or call: +44 (0) 1772 767782



Supporters



Founder Sponsors



Media Partners

