Queensland Police Wins World Class Policing Award For Life-Saving First Aid Project

Queensland Police has won a prestigious World Class Policing Award for introducing a tactical first aid training programme which has saved the lives of at least 15 people and helped countless more.

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.

The development of the service’s Tactical First Aid Training supersedes basic first aid training for officers in the state which did not cover trauma injuries and is at a level normally reserved for specialist tactical teams.

The course and new first aid equipment was introduced into the Queensland Police Services’ Operational Skills Curriculum in 2017 and has since been rolled out to 11,000 officers.

It’s helped them to do the job they signed up for – officers trained in the programme have reported that the ability to provide tactical first aid in critical situations has boosted their well-being and welfare because they know they are equipped and trained to provide the best care they can.

It’s also given them the confidence to intervene and help victims.

Thanks to the training, officers have saved the lives of people involved in serious accidents and other trauma incidents using three simple pieces of tactical medical equipment and have improved the medical recovery outcomes for countless more people.

The initiative was supported by the Queensland Trauma Council and was reviewed and validated by Griffith University. Its ongoing success has been noted by other police agencies within Australia and overseas, with several indicating they’ll follow the service’s work in this area.

Judges commented this was “an outstanding programme which has had immediate and clear life changing and life-saving benefits to individuals and the wider community.”

A spokesman for the Judges added: “This was an outstanding idea to bring advanced first aid to front line policing. Realistic recognition that police are often on the scene of major trauma incidents ahead of the medics and enhancing their skill set during that window can only be positive. Outstanding.”
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
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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.
- 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.

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