



The World Class Policing Awards 2020

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World Class Policing Awards 2020 postponed to 2021

Given the global pandemic, the *World Class Policing Awards* team regret to announce that the hugely successful World Class Policing Awards will now be postponed until 2021.

After much thought and deliberation, the *World Class Policing Awards (WCPA)* Team regret to announce that the *World Class Policing Awards* will be postponed until 2021. All those who have entered for this year's awards will have their nominations carried forward to next year.

Last year saw the inaugural *World Class Policing Awards* take place at a prestigious venue in Central London. 54 finalists were chosen from over 100 entries from across the world. There were twelve winners from Australia, Dubai, New Zealand and the UK, with the UK's Devon and Cornwall Police scooping the overall prize for Operation Encompass which has safeguarded hundreds of children exposed to domestic abuse.

This year's awards were set to be even bigger with more police forces and departments from an even wider selection of countries nominating some superb examples of policing.

However, the pandemic and its continuing restrictions mean the WCPA team have taken the very difficult decision to postpone this year's event.

World Class Policing Awards Founder and Policing Insight Publisher, Bernard Rix said: "Despite launching the 2020 nominations process and extending the deadline when the pandemic occurred, we have reluctantly conceded that running the event this year will not be possible.

"This is not only due to the social distancing restrictions that would make any ceremony difficult but also recognising that police forces, our supporters and our commercial partners still find themselves in challenging circumstances and are understandably focusing on other priorities for now.

Although we are disappointed to postpone the awards, we feel strongly that the value of a prestigious live event with recognition of finalists by their peers and all the benefits of international policing representatives meeting and sharing their experiences is core to the value of the awards. We would very much like to thank those who have put great effort into the impressive nominations that have already been submitted. These will be carried forward.

"We will now look forward to welcoming members of the policing community from across the globe to our 2021 event and we cannot wait to hear how policing has kept our communities safe in the face of the extraordinary challenges of the pandemic, not just the direct policing response, but also



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in terms of keeping 'everyday policing' happening.

"We already know 2021 is going to be a very special awards ceremony and we encourage the officers, staff, partner agencies and police suppliers everywhere to come forward and share their successes with us in a special evening that recognises the very best of policing."

The nomination portal will now close on Friday 24 July, as publicised, but will reopen in late January 2021.

Registered nominators

If you have registered as a nominator, but not yet started the process, your details will remain in the system and carry over into 2021.

Partially completed and fully submitted nominations

If you have a partially completed or fully submitted nomination, any information provided will remain in the system. When nominations reopen in January 2021, you will have the opportunity to access and revise the nomination if for example further evidence has emerged to enhance the nomination.

Please note, your login credentials for the nominators portal will remain the same once reopened.

Further information on re-opening the nomination process will be issued nearer the time. Please also visit www.worldclasspolicing.com to stay up to date with the latest information.

We are looking forward to launching the *World Class Policing Awards 2021* early next year.

If you have any questions relating to the awards, including the nomination and judging process or the awards evening itself, please contact Glasgows by email to wcpa@glasgows.co.uk or call +44 (0)1772 767782.

What are the *World Class Policing Awards*?

The *World Class Policing Awards* honour the very best in policing at a prestigious awards ceremony in London.

The *World Class Policing Awards* will:

- **Recognise** examples of "world class" policing
- **Celebrate** excellence in policing, both in the United Kingdom and around the world
- **Encourage** modern, progressive, collaborative and effective policing
- **Showcase** individual, team and organisational achievement and success
- **Promote** the sharing and delivery of innovation and good practice

So what makes the *World Class Policing Awards* different from other awards recognising the best in policing?

Firstly, anyone can nominate any team in any force area, including multi-agency teams, that have excelled in any area of policing, whether that is operational policing or support functions.

Modern policing is about collaboration, both small and large scale, which is why the *World Class Policing Awards* will recognise exceptional policing regardless of whether it has been achieved by a team from a single force, a collaboration between forces or a partnership between a force and other agencies or organisations in either the public sector, 3rd sector, commercial or academic.



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The awards want to recognise the partners that made the nominated activity a success. However, all nominations will, in due course, require the approval of a lead police force to be accepted.

Secondly, the awards are about recognising all types of personnel who have made the nominated activity successful including police officers, staff, PCSOs, Specials, volunteers and, of course, employees from the partner organisations.

Finally, the *World Class Policing Awards* recognises all types of activity covering the breadth of modern policing – nominations may include but are not confined to:

- Victim support including improvements in identification of vulnerability
- New system/technology implementation
- Outstanding or complex investigations
- Operations delivering difference
- Projects driving change
- Crime prevention reducing harm in communities (real or virtual)
- Business change to tackle new and emerging offences
- Training and development in a changing world
- Employee and officer welfare building sustainable policing

A judging panel of independent UK and international policing and criminal justice stakeholders will shortlist the nominations for recognition at the prestigious awards ceremony in November.

Stephen Kavanagh, Chair of the *World Class Policing Awards* Steering Committee said: “The World Class Policing Awards is an exciting and long-awaited process that will help forces across the world to come together and celebrate what makes our policing so special.”

Making a nomination

There are countless exceptional teams delivering World Class Policing, so it is important for them to get the recognition they deserve and ensure their knowledge and expertise is shared for the benefit of all.

Nominate an outstanding investigation, operation, project or initiative that has demonstrated some or all of the characteristics of World Class Policing.

World Class Policing is...

- Innovative and inspirational
- Progressive and proactive
- Efficient and effective
- Collaboration and cooperation
- Diverse and inclusive

Nominations are welcome from third party organisations and partners as well as from the police forces themselves but all nominations will need the endorsement of the chief constable, commissioner or head of a lead police force or agency to be considered by the judging panel.

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Notes to Editors:

- Media enquiries should be directed to wcpa@glasgows.co.uk
- More information about the awards can be found at www.worldclasspolicing.com
- The hashtag for the event is #WorldClassPolicing
- The inaugural World Class Policing Awards took place 14 November 2019, 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 recognised at the ceremony were selected from over 100 entries received from UK and overseas police forces.
- The World Class Policing Awards 2021 will be held at central London venue to be confirmed in November 2021.
- 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, recently appointed Executive Director of Policing at Interpol, 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 of Publishing and Development – a publishing professional in the police sector with experience developing and delivering the Police Review Gala Awards and Bernard Rix, CoPaCC Chief Executive, Publisher of Policing Insight and Founder of the World Class Policing Awards.
- The awards are supported by the [International Police Association](#), the [Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Association \(ANZPAA\)](#), [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](#).
- Policing Insight (policinginsight.com), [Australian Police Journal \(APJ\)](#) and [Blue Line](#) are the official Media Partners for the World Class Policing Awards.
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