

# OPP inspector named Officer of the Year

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It's the most prestigious honour awarded by the Ontario Provincial Police to an officer.

Inspector and Haldimand County Detachment Commander Dave McLean has been named Officer of the Year. He received the honour at an awards ceremony in Barrie Monday night.

McLean was up against six other nominees and was chosen by a panel of his peers.

"He has been heavily involved with all aspects of the community over the course of his entire career," said Sgt. Dave Rektor. "From minor sports to the committees he sat on, he made himself available to his community."

McLean was praised for his tireless work in his early years as an officer to raise money for many charities, to his more recent role in policing during blockades in Caledonia, as well as his efforts to work with young children in schools.

"He gives his heart and soul to the community, wherever he is," Rektor said.

The inspector was humble about his accomplishments.

"The award is a collaboration of the community, our emergency service partners and all of our officers working hard to make a difference," McLean said. "This award is not mine, but all of ours. I am very proud to work in Haldimand."

The awards also honour officers in categories such as enforcement, investigation and community service.

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