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## **Yukoners recognized for working to keep communities safe**

WHITEHORSE—Last night, 18 Yukoners were recognized for the important role they play in community safety at the Community Safety Awards ceremony.

"The diversity of candidates who were nominated for this award shows that community safety is a responsibility shared by all Yukoners," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "Neighbours and colleagues nominated community groups and more than 30 individuals for their exemplary contributions to the safety of Yukon communities."

The award recipients were chosen by the Community Safety Awards Nominating Committee comprising Patricia Daws and David LeBarge from the Yukon Police Council, Robert Riches, Assistant Deputy Minister of Community Justice and Public Safety, and Superintendent Paul McConnell from RCMP "M" Division.

"This year's recipients make a significant difference to the lives of Yukoners," Nixon added. "The awards are an opportunity to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of community involvement in daily life."

The Community Safety Awards were established in 2012 in response to a recommendation of the 2010 *Sharing Common Ground* report to recognize Yukoners who promote community safety.

### **Learn more**

For information about the awards call 867-667-5868 or visit [www.justice.gov.yk.ca/prog/cjps/CommunitySafetyAwards.html](http://www.justice.gov.yk.ca/prog/cjps/CommunitySafetyAwards.html)

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## **Backgrounder – Recipients of the 2013 Community Safety Awards**

### **Outstanding Program: Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)**

The MADD board of directors is recognized for working to combat impaired driving. The five directors are: Jan Trim, Alvin Pederson, Daniela Martinson, Amanda Price and Andrew West.

**Outstanding Volunteer: Phyllis Smith**

Phyllis Smith is recognized for her volunteer service with the Haines Junction Community Justice Committee. Ms. Smith has been active in community remediation and the restorative justice process since 2004.

**Outstanding Project: Betty's Haven**

The board of directors of Kaushee's Place/Yukon Women's Transition Home and Betty's Haven are recognized for their dedication in building a safe and secure second-stage housing apartment building, Betty's Haven, which opened in September 2013. The board of directors are: Kim Hawkins, Jean-Paul Pinard, Noreen McGowan, Kathleen Zimmer, and Stacey Burnard.

**Youth Mentorship: Tanya Silverfox**

Tanya Silverfox is recognized for more than eight years work as the Youth Employment Centre Coordinator at the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre. Ms. Silverfox demonstrates dedication in helping her clients improve their situations, and possesses a strong ability to build a rapport of trust with her high-risk clients.

**Bridge Builder: Constable Paul Miller**

Paul Miller is recognized for his work building trust between the RCMP and the community of Carmacks. His efforts have renewed the community's faith in the policing system.

**Outstanding Contribution to Community Safety: Constable Andrew Greer**

Constable Greer is recognized for his involvement in the successful search and rescue of a Tagish Elder in the Fall of 2012.

**Outstanding Community Policing: Constable Tim Lynch, Constable Adam Lightfoot and Constable Billy Gossen**

Constable Tim Lynch, Constable Adam Lightfoot and Constable Billy Gossen are recognized as positive role models for their engagement with youth in sports/recreation activities. The constables helped organize the Pelly River Hockey Challenge in Faro. There were no fees for the event which allowed players from all economic backgrounds to take part.

**Youth Volunteer Award: Warrant Officer Sara Bridal**

Warrant Officer Sara Bridal is recognized for her excellence as a role model in the work she does ensuring the safety and training of younger cadets.

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