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**The Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario (COYO)** was formed in 1979 as an association of youth officers dedicated to the collection and dissemination of child/youth crime and protection information. Our three main objectives are:

- to promote a closer liaison between our members' respective agencies on youth justice issues
- to promote the exchange of information, advice and methodology between youth officers in Ontario
- to keep our respective Chiefs of Police and Managers/Administrators informed on the need for legislative changes, as well as the ramifications of legislative changes.

The Committee is comprised of youth serving police officers from Ontario Police Services as well as representatives from the Ministries of Children and Youth Services and Education and other community partners, such as the Kids Help Phone. This collaboration of professionals seeks to educate those involved in serving at risk youth and explores youth related issues in an inclusive manner so that youth crime trends, potential legislative changes, and various service delivery options are considered.

Each year, the C.O.Y.O holds an annual conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario, and brings together over 500 participants from policing, education, probation and other youth related services. The 2010 conference is February 24, 25 and 26 at the Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The C.O.Y.O conference is recognized within the law enforcement community as the leading event of its type in Canada. It provides participants with a venue to network and exchange best practice information, as well as, hear from leading experts in the fields of justice, child/youth development, threat assessment and many others.

For further conference and COYO details, please check the website at: [www.coyo.on.ca](http://www.coyo.on.ca).

Please see following pages for other important information.

## **Bud Knight Award**

The Bud Knight Award is also an integral component of our efforts to improve youth service delivery in Ontario. It was created in 1990 in recognition of the career of Herbert R. (Bud) Knight, an instructor at the Ontario Police College (OPC). Bud Knight created a youth officer course at the OPC, and over the years exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to training youth officers throughout the province. He was also instrumental in creating the Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario.

The Bud Knight Award is presented annually to a police officer in Ontario demonstrating outstanding commitment to youth in their community. Officer's contribution include both on and off duty achievements. The award is presented each year at our conference.

## **Community Award for Youth Service**

The Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario has always been committed to the development of youth. Over the last number of years the committee has expanded its membership to include people involved in education, youth services workers, corrections, social work and other community services providing support and programs for youth.

To reflect our diverse membership the Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario will have an annual "**Community Award for Youth Service**". This award will be presented at our annual **conference** to recognize a person who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to youth in the community.

The Committee of Youth Officers will donate, on behalf of the award recipient, \$1,000 to a youth service charity of their choice.

## **A New Award for 2010!!! Outstanding Youth Service Award**

The Outstanding Youth Service Award is an award that is dedicated to recognizing the work and contributions of a young person who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to his or her peers by advocating for and taking action on youth issues in the community.

A complete list of criteria and nomination forms for this award are coming soon.

## **Marketing Opportunities**

The C.O.Y.O invites you to be a part our conference through the setting up of a sales or display booth. Booth displays are available at a cost of \$300 for the two full days. For more details contact Nadine Wallace at [9946@nrps.on.ca](mailto:9946@nrps.on.ca).

Sincerely,

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