# IODE CANADA EXPRESS NEWS

## IODE RCMP Police Community Service Award 2017

### Corporal Kimberly A. Meuller

NCO in charge of Crime Prevention - Victim Services - Rural Police and Crisis Team
Stony Plain - Spruce Grove - Enoch RCMP

IODE Canada is pleased to announce the recipient of the IODE RCMP Police Community Service Award for 2017 presented at the National Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC.

Corporal Kimberley A. Mueller is well known among the First Nations and Metis Communities across Alberta for helping Aboriginal youth and families.

Throughout her career, Corporal Mueller has worked tirelessly for the First Nations and Metis youth to create programs, develop partnerships and access funding to provide safe Aboriginal communities in Alberta.

In 2004, she was creator and founder of the Alberta Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards. For nine years, this program brought together youth from First Nations, Metis and Inuit to celebrate their accomplishments.

As a School Liaison Officer in Enoch, Corporal Mueller encouraged youth to explore their culture through traditional ways, such as dance, as a way to express themselves rather than through violence. The Muskosis Dancers (which means Little Bears in Cree) grew from four children to 20 between ages two and 16 within two years and travelled to various communities to perform.

M.A.G.I.C. (Mothers against Gangs in the Communities) was founded in 2012 to work against the impact that gangs were having on the youth of Enoch. This program brought the mothers and other community stakeholders together to create a safe and supportive environment for youth at risk of becoming involved in gangs and drug activity. She has provided, at times, support for these kids on a 24/7 basis. At the end of two years, 80% of the young men who were enrolled, have completed the program, stayed out of trouble and stayed in school. The success of this program is attributed to the personal connection between the RCMP members and the kids.

Today, Corporal Mueller is working on another program, S.A.F.E. (Strategies for Aboriginal Female Empowerment), in response to Canada's murdered and missing Aboriginal women. She believes that being a support person to young women, teaching them life lessons and providing a safe environment to learn and relax in, will empower these young women to create change in their own lives and their community. Once again, she is providing 24/7 support. Her goal is to show the girls that as a First Nations Woman herself, with hard work, education and determination, anything is possible.

For her impressive devotion to her community, both on and off duty, Corporal Kimberly A. Mueller is awarded the 2017 IODE RCMP Community Service Award from IODE Canada.

*Inspector Peter Ormshaw, IODE Citizenship Officer Hazel MacLeod, Deputy Commissioner Todd Shean and IODE Canada President Bonnie Rees congratulate Corporal Meuller at the 117th National Annual Meeting.*

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