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2022 IODE Ontario Police and Community Relations Award

OPP Sergeant Clayton Brown



Sergeant Clayton Brown of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Highway Safety Division (HSD) started his career in January 2001, in Cochrane, Ontario. Having a long-term interest in volunteering and working with youth, he volunteered at the Cochrane High School and did track with the students once or twice a week. He transferred to the Hwy. 407 Detachment in April 2007 and after a few years, he worked as a recruiter, assisting in the selection of the next generation of officers.

In 2010, he joined the Provincial Liaison Team in the Greater Toronto Area. Sgt. Clayton Brown became a background investigator for recruitment in 2017, a job which also included a significant amount of community engagement and partnerships. This was a role he held until 2019 when he was promoted to his current rank as Sergeant. After years of supporting and being part of the Division Inclusion and Diversity Council, Sgt. Brown took over as Co-Chairman in 2020 and has been actively promoting equity and inclusion within and outside the OPP.

Sergeant Brown has volunteered a considerable amount of time to various service groups, organized multiple community events and continuously fosters community relationships. In the last five years, his unique passion for visual arts and working with the community, provided him the chance to work with the visual arts students from three York Region high schools and one high school in the Peel Region. During COVID, he also worked remotely with a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous post-secondary students from across Ontario.

By utilizing various forms of media, Sgt. Brown has developed several high-quality comic books, posters and postcards that assist youth in speaking about a diverse number of issues including bullying, impaired driving (both alcohol and drugs), the dangers of texting and driving, mental health, human trafficking awareness, LGBT/PRIDE and recently, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2Spirited People (MMIWG2S). Over the last five years, Sgt. Brown's commitment to the high school students has been incredibly successful, not only in terms of breaking down barriers, but also to open dialogue, address issues, bring forth a sense of community and develop the students' skills as future artists, all having a lasting impact.

Rarely does one come across an officer that has the drive and passion to reach out to the community in such a unique and successful manner. IODE Ontario congratulates and applauds Sergeant Clayton Brown as the 2022 recipient of the IODE Ontario Police and Community Relations Award for his personal commitment, drive and desire to mentor and develop youth into becoming mature, responsible adults.