

Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award 2007

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Good evening and thank you, Monique, for your kind introduction.

It's great to be in Calgary and on the prairies. Quel plaisir d'être à Calgary, dans les Prairies. It gives me a chance to see many of my friends and business colleagues in Calgary and to make new friends, many of whom I have met this evening.

My family and I have, fortunately, never been in a position to call on the help of police, but I know all of you here and your colleagues back home are working tirelessly to ensure that our towns and cities are safe and liveable.

We are recognizing a few of you tonight but, in fact, you all deserve our thanks.

I also want to thank the Calgary Police Service and Chief Jack Beaton, our hosts this evening, for their hospitality and for inviting me to be here and to participate in tonight's festivities.

As the head of the Canadian Bankers Association I have the privilege of representing our member banks and their 249,000 employees who rely on you, and all the dedicated people in law enforcement who work with us to investigate crimes and apprehend those responsible.

It gives me great pleasure, then, to acknowledge your contribution to the banking industry and the strong working relationship that our bank security people have with financial crime investigators. This longstanding, supportive relationship contributes to the trust that Canadians place in their banking system. On behalf of the banks, their employees and their customers I want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for your efforts.

For the past 35 years we have been honouring law enforcement personnel with the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award. Depuis 35 ans, nous soulignons le travail des corps policiers en décernant la Médaille d'honneur des banques canadiennes pour action policière méritoire.

To-date, 207 individuals have received the award, which is presented annually to officers whose outstanding work has made a significant contribution to the investigation and prevention of crimes against Canada's banks and their customers.

The winners of tonight's awards are dedicated officers who represent a team that went above and beyond the call of duty for their part in a multi-jurisdictional investigation.

They successfully arrested a crime group involved in sophisticated bank break-ins as well as mortgage fraud, credit card fraud, debit card fraud and material goods fraud. The investigation also led to the recovery of a priceless piece of history.

I invite you to turn your attention to the screens to learn more about the case.

I would now ask the CBA's Director of Security, Bill Crate, to assist me in presenting the awards.

I present to you the 2007 winners of the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award:

- Inspector Tom Legge
 - Sergeant Larry Levasseur, and
 - Sergeant Mitchell McCormick,
- Members of the Winnipeg Police Service.

Thank you again for your outstanding work on this amazing case, gentlemen.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to express our appreciation for the longstanding friendship we have enjoyed with the CACP since we first began presenting the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Awards 35 years ago. We truly appreciate the opportunities we have had over the years to thank officers for their efforts to aid Canada's banking industry.

I would now ask the Executive Director of the CACP, Peter Cuthbert, to join me on stage to accept this gift in appreciation of the friendship between our organizations and to thank the CACP for their hard work and success in putting on this valuable conference each year. Peter, we hope this print will hang in your office as a symbol of the connection between our two associations.