

2023 Award of Merit Recipient – Micheal Osborne

Our second Award of Merit recipient is Micheal Osborne. Since 1991 Mike worked for the Town of Midland Police Service as a front-line patrol officer, training officer, detective sergeant, Inspector of Operations and Chief of Police. During his 8 years as Chief, the service experienced the greatest reduction in crime severity of any police service in the province and averaged increases in expenses of less than 2%. In 2008 he received the Police Exemplary Service Medal. Mike was also a Vice-President for the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police where he spent close to, 17 years working with various committees for the benefit of policing across the province.

Mike and his wife Jennifer are long-time residents of Midland and North Simcoe. They have been happily married for 37 years and are the proud parents of two children, and four grandchildren, with whom they spend as much time as possible.

Mike is a graduate of Georgian College, the University of Guelph-Humber, the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and many programs, courses and seminars through the Ontario Police College, Canadian Police College and other universities.

Shortly after arriving in Midland, Mike began coaching minor hockey, and volunteering with many community agencies, especially those supporting youth, education, mental health, poverty, and substance issues. His volunteerism was recognized by our M.P and M.P.P. whose nomination led to the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, by Georgian College that nominated him for a Premiers Award in 2013, and by the Midland Rotary Club who honored him with the 2017-2018 Vocational Service Award.

After retirement, he continued volunteering with the North Simcoe Boys and Girls Club and as Chair of the Midland Police Services Board. Now, more than 30 years later, he continues by assisting our community prepare for the new OPP Detachment Board and has agreed to be our community representative.

Mike's dedication to the Midland Community is admirable, his service was exemplary as a public servant and police officer and police leader and as a resident he has continued to give back to the community since retirement.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Micheal Osborne, on behalf of Midland Council and the community at large, with our greatest honour, the Award of Merit and thank you for your past and continued service to this Municipality.