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2026 NOMINATION FORM

Michael J. Kelly

Excellence & Innovation in Policing Award

Criteria

To be presented to an active OACP Member Police Executive to recognize the pursuit of excellence in police leadership through innovation and creativity which exemplifies the vision, mission, goals, and values of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

Past Recipients

Chief Michael J. Kelly, Oakwood - 2003
Chief John Peach, Kent State Univ. Safety. - 2004
Chief Gary L. Vest, Powell - 2005
Chief Michael T. Dugan, Independence - 2006
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Chief Richard Biehl, Dayton - 2011
Chief Daniel P. Meloy, CLEE, Colerain Twp. - 2012
Chief Andres Gonzales, CMHA - 2014
Captain Louise Eggert, Toledo - 2016
Chief Sean Asbury, CLEE, CSCC - 2018
Chief George Kral, CLEE, Toledo - 2020

Chief Mark McDonough, CLEE, Whitehouse - 2022
Chief George J. Lichman II, CLEE, Rocky River - 2023
& Capt. Bryan Snaveley, CLEE, Stow - 2023
Chief Robert Butler, Independence - 2024
Chief Jerome Klue, Akron Children's Hospital - 2025

To make a nomination for the Michael J. Kelly Excellence & Innovation in Policing Award, please complete the form below. Nominations may be submitted via Email, Fax or U.S. Mail and **must be received &/or postmarked no later than January 30, 2026.**

- Please be sure to include the statement of qualification as requested at the bottom of this form.

Name of Nominee _____ Title _____

Nominee's work address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Nominee's work phone _____ Nominee's Email _____

Nomination submitted by _____
(Print Your Name) (Signature)

Nominator's Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Date submitted _____

• Noting the criteria above, please attach a statement describing specifically, the innovative and creative policing practices or activities the nominee has instituted that exemplify the vision, mission, goals, and values of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. In addition, kindly describe how this nominee's efforts have resulted in "Vision Becoming Reality." Please include any supporting material such as newspaper clippings, or other support material that may serve to reinforce your nomination. This award is a one-time honor.

Remit to:

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Attn: Michael J. Kelly Nomination

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