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## Corporal Allan Paterson of the RCMP receives the 2020 CACP Policing Partnership Award

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO** – The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) is proud to announce the winner of the 2020 [\*CACP Policing Partnership Award\*](#) which recognizes a partnership established between the public and private sectors to improve the overall safety and security of Canadians. This award is presented to an individual who has developed a partnership that has succeeded in creating a crime prevention initiative that has been beneficial to the partnership and has improved public safety.



Left to right: Mr. Yves Riopel, Co-chair of the CACP Private Sector Liaison Committee, Corporal Allan Paterson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

**Corporal Allan Paterson** is the 2020 laureate of this award in recognition of his initiative, determination and leadership in the anti-fraud campaign geared to prevent seniors from purchasing gift cards for fraudsters. Committed to the well-being and protection of seniors, Corporal Paterson implemented a campaign with retailers selling gift cards in McLennan, Alberta, to sensitize them to the fact that some seniors purchase gift cards to comply with fraudsters' requests. Corporal Paterson created a checklist that was distributed to all merchants to encourage their staff to ask seniors important questions before selling them gift cards to detect any potential fraud. As a result of this successful operation, these

checklists were distributed to all RCMP offices in the province of Alberta.

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