

2026

Program of the Year

Every Second Counts, We're Ready.



**Submissions are being
accepted from
June 8, 2026–
August 29, 2026**



HELPING YOU HELP THEM
ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FIRE EDUCATORS

Mandatory Criteria for Submission

Cover page – 10 Points

- Cover page must include the fire department name, public educators' name(s) if applicable, fire chief's name & contact information, program title and name/address of the municipality.

Background – 10 Points

- Demonstrate the need for this type of program.
- List any partnerships involved, dates/milestones in developing the program/modernization and any data which supports why the program benefits the community.

Program – 60 Points

- Describe in detail the structure of the program (what makes it innovative or unique; how it was launched and implemented; the channels used to promote the program i.e. social media, newspaper articles etc., the community's reaction and involvement; staff & other resources required).
- Describe the impact to date on the community and the fire department.
- Describe how the objectives/goals were exceeded and what led to this (i.e.: council support received, use of the program by other community fire departments/agencies/groups etc.).
- Describe what it has meant to the fire department personnel and any other impact. (i.e. morale, retention, recruitment etc.).

**You could be this year's winner,
submit your program today!**

Tracking – 10 Points

- Describe how the success of the program is or will be tracked, notable achievements to date, program reach, media reach, etc.

Supporting Documents – 10 Points

- Supply supporting photos, videos, PDF's, documents, evaluations, etc.

Totaling – 100 points

Helpful Pointers from the Judges

1. The more information provided the better.
2. Send supporting documents i.e; documents, data, videos, photos, news articles etc.
3. Really sell the program in the cover page, just like a resume.
4. Submit your program information like a business plan.

**Submit your program and
supporting items to:
jbenn@centrewellington.ca
no later than 4pm on August 28, 2026**

for large files: Zip, 2big4email or dropbox accepted



**2025 Winner :
Oakville Fire
Department**

Good Luck!!