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*Sgt. Colleen Hall*

*Leadership Award*

**Sgt. Colleen Hall started her Policing career with Regina Police Service on August 30, 1993, retiring January 5, 2019.**

**In 2014, Sgt. Hall took the lead to advocate for the implementation of a Mental Health Liaison position within the Regina Police Service, as there was a noticeable increase in calls for police service with regards to people experiencing mental health crisis. In many instances the police and health authorities were dealing with the same person, however no connection had been made.**

**The Mental Health Liaison position within the Regina Police Service was developed and led by Sgt. Hall. During her time as the Mental Health Liaison Officer, Sgt. Hall advocated for more resources to respond to the growing mental health crisis. She educated Police Service Members on mental health disorders, de-escalation techniques, and available service options.**

**Sgt. Hall researched how other Police Agencies were responding to the mental health crisis, becoming familiar with the Saskatoon Police Service program – Police and Crisis Team (PACT). She advocated for the establishment of a PACT Program in the Regina Police Service.**

**In 2015, the Regina Police Service established its first PACT Program in partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Since the implementation of PACT, statistics show a decrease in hospital wait times, numerous diversions from the emergency room, and successful connections for those in a mental health crisis.**

**Sgt. Hall has made significant contributions to the profession of Policing and has improved the relationship between Police and the community with regards to mental health.**

**The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to present Sgt. Colleen Hall with the Excellence in Policing “Leadership Award”.**