

City Council – Information

Date: September 8, 2025

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: William Penn Jr., Chief of Police
Dr. Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager

Information:

Police Officer Luke Alderman selected as one of four finalists for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) “Officer of the Year”

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Community

Strategic Plan Objective: LC1: Enhancing residents' sense of safety and reducing crime

Summary of Information:

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the largest professional association for police leaders globally, with over 35,000 members in over 170 countries. The association has been serving communities by speaking out on behalf of law enforcement since 1893. The IACP is known for its commitment to enhancing community safety by shaping the future of the police profession. Through timely research, programming, and unparalleled training opportunities, the IACP is preparing current and emerging police leaders—and the agencies and communities they serve—to succeed in addressing the most pressing issues, threats, and challenges of the day.

The IACP Annual Conference and Exposition is the largest and most impactful event of the year. More than 16,000 public safety professionals come to learn new techniques, advance their knowledge and careers, and equip their department for ongoing success.

As part of the annual conference, a General Assembly meeting is conducted. During this portion of the conference, the IACP presents various awards to nominated officers from across the world. **We are thrilled to announce that Police Officer Luke Alderman has been named one of four worldwide finalists for the IACP Police Officer of the Year Award for his heroic actions in the incident he responded to on November 17, 2024.** As you are all aware, Officer Alderman bravely approached a violent and chaotic scene to save a child as gunshots rang out from within the residence.

This is the first time a Winston-Salem Police Department officer has ever been nominated for this award. We continue to be extremely proud of Officer Alderman and the courage he showed in the face of certain danger. Congratulations to Officer Alderman for being named a finalist for the 2024 IACP Police Officer of the Year.