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## BCU25 18102018 Awards

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The annual Be Proud Awards recognise and reward those hard working police men and women who go above and beyond every day to make the communities of Avon and Somerset a safer place. Every person who works or volunteers within the Constabulary play a role in helping to ensure to be safe and feel safe, and this event aims to highlight the exemplary work of those individuals. The nomination form is available on the Be Proud Awards website <https://www.beproudawards.com/>

To obtain a paper copy, telephone please call 01278-646188.

Closing date for nominations is 27 January 2019.

PCC Sue Mountstevens said: "Opening the nominations for this year's Be Proud Awards really is an honour. Every year we see examples of dedication, passion, enthusiasm and bravery from all aspects of the constabulary and to be able to recognise and reward those people is humbling. I urge you to nominate those people who make a difference within our communities. Those who keep our communities strong; who put their own safety last; who work day and night to protect us all and whose sole intentions are to keep us safe. I always look forward to reading these nominations and with yet another year of large scale operations, hugely popular events and day to day incidents, I'm sure the calibre will be exceptionally high as always."

The awards recognise the outstanding work of our policing service in the following categories: Neighbourhood Officer of the Year, Response Officer of the Year, Investigator of the Year, Police Staff Member of the Year, Police Support Volunteer of the Year, Special Constable of the Year, Specialist Operations Award and Policing Team of the Year.

Chief Constable Andy Marsh said: "Last year's Be Proud Awards were a huge success and this was down to the high standard of nominations and fantastic winners we were able to recognise. Many officers, staff, volunteers and special constables don't perceive what they do as anything other than just their job, and that's what makes these awards so special. I am proud to work amongst people who work so hard day in day out to support victims, bring justice to offenders and support our communities. Every nomination submitted means another person gets the recognition they deserve, and it's brilliant to see the proud faces of their family, friends and colleagues when they receive their award. I hope that you will submit your nominations and help us to recognise our policing heroes."

An independent panel will select winners across the policing areas and an awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Cadbury House Hotel, where an overall winner for each category will be announced.