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**RE: Invitation to attend the Association of Black Law Enforcers 32<sup>nd</sup> Scholarship and Awards Gala**

Dear Chief Bergen:

It is my honour and pleasure to extend a warm invitation to the Association of Black Law Enforcers' (A.B.L.E.) 32<sup>nd</sup> Scholarship and Awards Gala. This year's gala is being jointly co-hosted with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA). This year's theme is **Passion, Purpose, and Persistence: Celebrating Excellence.**

The unique new partnership between A.B.L.E., OPP and OPPA for this special event highlights the broader sentiment in the justice and law enforcement sectors to remain steadfast in our collaborative commitment to inclusion and working in partnership with the diverse communities we serve. Together, we can improve public safety, a goal we all share.

The Gala will take place on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**, at Casino Rama Resort Entertainment Centre, located at 5897 Rama Road, Rama, Ontario. The official program will **begin at 6:00 p.m.** The formal part of the evening will be followed by a DJ, dancing and the opportunity to network.

For over three decades, the A.B.L.E. Scholarship and Awards Gala has been a premiere event. The scholarship program supports the post secondary education and future contributors and leaders in the justice and public safety sectors, while the awards program recognizes professional and leadership excellence among Black members of law enforcement.

I invite you to sponsor a scholarship in your organization's name or to nominate an individual in your organization who has demonstrated exceptional qualities that would qualify them for one of the seven A.B.L.E. awards. The award categories are:

- Community Leadership Award
- Leadership Excellence Award
- Rising Star Award
- Teamwork Award
- Program Innovation Award
- Trailblazer Award
- Legacy Award

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To learn more about these awards and their criteria, please visit the [Awards Application](#). Nominations will be accepted until August 16, 2024.

I also encourage you to support this year's gala directly through a variety of sponsorship opportunities. For more details on our sponsorship packages, please visit the [Sponsorship and Ticket Purchasing](#) site.

It has been said that leadership is the ability to inspire extraordinary people to step up and serve their community. The A.B.L.E. Scholarship and Awards recipients are exemplary people doing just that. These scholarships will assist the students in achieving their educational goals in the justice sector, while the awards will highlight the law enforcement professionals making positive contributions to society.

I look forward to your support of the Scholarship and Award recipients and of the work A.B.L.E. does to uplift and advocate for Black Law enforcement professionals across Canada. I respectfully ask that you confirm your attendance so we can acknowledge your support.

Should you require hotel accommodations, please reserve by calling the hotel at Casino Rama at 1-800- 832-5729 and quote booking code **OPPK24A** by October 15, 2024, to receive the special group rate of \$149.00 (subject to availability).

For additional information regarding the A.B.L.E. Gala, please visit [www.ableorg.ca](http://www.ableorg.ca). For all inquiries, please email [admin@ableorg.ca](mailto:admin@ableorg.ca)

Respectfully,



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A.B.L.E. President