

Barbados Charity Ball Award Recipient



keith forde

Keith L. Forde, Deputy Chief of Police (Retired), completed over 38 years of policing in the Toronto Police Service, with 20 of those years in a leadership capacity. He is known as a creative and innovative police professional with extensive expertise in customer service, police management and community policing.

The first visible minority in the history of Toronto Police Service to reach the rank of Deputy Chief, Mr. Forde demonstrated sound business management skills in resource allocation, budgeting, human resource management, program development and change management in the execution of this executive role and the various police management positions he held. In addition to his proven leadership skills, he established an outstanding reputation for fairness and equality and a strong commitment to employment equity and the enhancement of race relations.

Deputy Chief Forde completed studies at Ryerson University, the University of Toronto, Seneca College and Humber College.

An active fundraiser for several community organizations including the Olive Branch of Hope and Camp Jumoke, Mr. Forde is a tireless community worker. He is presently on the Board of Directors of the United Way Youth Challenge Fund, Camp Jumoke and the TELUS Toronto Community Board; and was previously a member of the Scarborough Hospital's board of directors.

Deputy Forde has received numerous awards from citizens groups, community organizations, government agencies, faith groups and from within the policing community. Selected awards include the Harry Jerome Trailblazer Award, the African Canadian Achievement Award, the Human Rights and Race Relations Gold Medal Award, the Bob Marley Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement and the Bob Marley's Life Time Achievement Award, the Chief of Police Excellence Award, the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, the Medal of Merit from the Toronto Police Services Board and the University of the West Indies Vice Chancellor Award.

From 1995 – 1997 he was Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman.