

In recognition of his contribution to Canadian society, the friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) presented Niagara Regional Police Service Chief Jeff McGuire with the 'Award of Tolerance' last night at their State of the Union dinner in Toronto.

The FSWC (<http://www.friendsofsimonwiesenthalcenter.com>) presents this award to honour police officers who have most exemplified the values of equality, justice and human rights.

Chief McGuire advised that he was fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel to Europe last year with the FSWC on an educational leadership journey. The group toured concentration camps and death camps in the Czech Republic and Poland. The group was accompanied by Mr. Max Eisen, a holocaust survivor and Chief McGuire constantly refers to his journey with Mr. Eisen as a "life altering experience".

As a result of his learning opportunity with the FSWC Chief McGuire arranged for their "Tour for Humanity" educational bus to attend the Niagara College campus in Welland where over 400 students and Niagara Regional Police Service employees participated in the educational presentation they provide. (<http://www.tourforhumanity.com>)

The goal is to continue to educate people on the importance of acceptance and tolerance in society. This not only reinforces the importance of a tolerant society, it also reinforces the obligation of our officers to deliver policing in a fair, equitable, and bias free manner to all citizens and visitors of the Region.