## **Cst. Jeffery Bartsch**

## **Weyburn Police Service**

## **Public Education Award**

Cst. Bartsch joined the Weyburn Police Service in 2015, and dedicates much of his own time and efforts to raising awareness of mental health issues in First Responders.

Cst. Bartsch has become a spokesperson and advocate for police members who are suffering from mental health related issues. He has worked tirelessly, both locally and provincially, to bring awareness to mental health issues and challenges faced by those suffering.

Cst. Bartsch brings forth awareness of mental health issues by running marathons in full working uniform - this includes wearing the bullet proof vest.

He partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association using his marathon running to raise both public awareness and funds for the local mental health program.

Cst. Bartsch is a member of the Weyburn Canadian Mental Health Association and was named "Newsmaker of The Year" by Discover Weyburn. He is known locally as the "Running Cop" as he often trains in full uniform.

Cst. Bartsch's commitment to bringing awareness to mental health through his running in Uniform has created other opportunities as he ran in California in "The Run to Remember" in April of this year. The "Run" is dedicated to the fallen officers in both the US and Canada. Cst. Bartsch represented one of the three officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in Canada in 2017.

Cst. Bartsch continuously demonstrates his desire to raise awareness of mental health.

The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to present Cst. Jeffery Bartsch with the Public Education Award.