The IACP LEIT Section will recognize the contributions of two section members each year at the IACP Technology Conference. The recognitions will be presented in honor of the section’s founding members, G. Thomas Steele and Harlin McEwen, for their long-term dedication to law enforcement technology.

Tom and Harlin dedicated their careers to the public safety community by advancing technology in homeland security, information sharing, and communications interoperability. They were forward thinking in co-founding the IACP Law Enforcement Information Management Section (now LEIT) that provides law enforcement executives, IT managers, and technology specialists with a forum in which to share information, best practices, and lessons learned regarding state-of-the-art and emerging law enforcement and public safety technologies.

The IACP LEIT Founders’ Technology Recognition Program is designed to honor section members’ extraordinary dedication, ingenuity, and achievements in law enforcement technology-based initiatives that benefit the law enforcement profession. This program will recognize two individuals each year.

The Harlin McEwen Innovation in Law Enforcement Communications and Interoperability Technology category recognizes a section member whose superior achievement in implementing communications or interoperability technology has enhanced law enforcement’s access to mission critical voice, data, and video communications.

The G. Thomas Steele Excellence in Law Enforcement Information and Technology category recognizes a section member whose superior achievement in implementing state-of-the-art information management or new emerging technology that impacted or enhanced the effectiveness of law enforcement.

Submission Requirements
Nominations through the IACP LEIT Section Founders’ Recognition Program must adhere to the following requirements:

- Only LEIT Section members in good standing may submit a nomination.
- Only LEIT Section members in good standing may be nominated.
- Only individuals may be nominated. Agencies or organizations are not eligible.
- An LEIT member may self-nominate.
- Past winners cannot be nominated again.
• Nominations must be submitted through the online submission form: https://leim.wufoo.com/forms/w1xin8v60i1e0cd/.
• Nominees may only be submitted for one of two categories:
  o Harlin McEwen Innovation in Law Enforcement Communications and Interoperability Technology
  o G. Thomas Steele Excellence in Law Enforcement Information and Technology
• The deadline for nominations is March 6, 2020.

Evaluation Criteria
Nominees will be evaluated by the LEIT Board based upon the innovation and exceptional achievement in the development, enhancement, and implementation of law enforcement information management, data sharing, communications, wireless, interoperability, cyber, digital evidence, artificial intelligence, or other new emerging technology that impacts, enhances, or improves the effectiveness of law enforcement.

Nominations will be scored on following sections:
• **Executive Summary.** High level summary of why this individual is being nominated. (150 words max, 20% of scoring total)

• **Problem Statement.** Description of problem and why it was significant. (200 words max, 20% of scoring total)

• **Program Narrative.** Describe actions taken by nominee to remedy problem. (600 words max, 40% of scoring total)

• **Outcomes/Results.** Describe the outcomes and results of the nominee’s actions. (200 words max, 20% of scoring total)

Recognition
Winners of the LEIT Section Founders’ Technology Recognition Program will receive:
• Recognition during the LEIT Business Meeting at the IACP Technology Conference
• Plaque or gift
• Free registration to the following year’s IACP Technology Conference