



Robbie Moulton, Retired Police Chief of the Scarborough Police Department

Is named by MMA as the 2021 Ethel Kelley Award Recipient

AUGUSTA – Robert “Robbie” Moulton, retired Police Chief from the Town of Scarborough, has been named the Ethel N. Kelley award recipient at the 85th annual MMA Convention held virtually on September 30. The award, MMA’s highest honor, is given annually in recognition of Ethel N. Kelley, who served in multiple capacities at MMA including acting Executive Director. Criteria for the award include municipal officials that exemplify the best in local government by having a straightforward selfless concern for people, a demonstrated capability and willingness to “hold the community together,” longevity of conscientious service and dedication to the cause of good local government.

Robbie Moulton devoted his entire personal and professional life to his hometown - a local boy made good in a 44-year career with 22 of those serving as Chief of Police. Coworkers indicated that Robbie has leadership and vision that has transcended the walls of the department. Some of the cited accomplishments include:

- The application cited Robbie’s humility, kindness, and desire to keep the organization moving forward, as reasons why he was so deserving. Two such programs include:
 - Launching operation HOPE which is an initiative designed to assist those struggling with substance use disorder which has given over 500 individuals a chance in recovery.
 - Development of a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program in Scarborough which allows officers to refer people for aid to underlying issues like mental health, substance abuse, or homelessness rather than arresting them for minor

violations.

Outgoing MMA Past President and chair of the selection committee Christine Landes stated that “The selection committee identified Robbie as a professional and exemplary leader in every sense of the word and is the perfect fit for the prestigious MMA Ethel N. Kelley Memorial Award.”

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About the Maine Municipal Association: Founded in 1936, the MMA is a voluntary, non-partisan, member-service organization to which 484 municipalities in Maine belong. It has a core belief that local government is a fundamental component of a democratic system of government. MMA’s services include advocacy, education, and information, professional legal and personnel advisory services and self-funded group insurance programs.

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