



RESOLUTION 2022-01

Canadian Police Ceremonial Training Course

Preamble

The Canadian Police Ceremonial Training Course was implemented in 2012 by the Calgary Police Service to fill a void by offering training for police and other first response agencies in the area of drill, ceremony, and protocol. It is staffed by highly trained and experienced members of the Calgary Police Service Ceremonial Unit and guest instructors from other Canadian Police Services and first response agencies. Three of the Instructors are from Ontario Police Services (York, OPP) and Ontario Police College. Prior to this time, there were no other ceremonial training courses available in Canada that would serve this need. Although the RCMP has a Drill and Ceremonial Course, it is internal to the RCMP and focused only on drill instruction.

WHEREAS the Ontario Police Services need to enhance and standardize their ability to plan for and execute public parades, ceremonies, line of duty deaths, active-duty deaths, and memorial services, and

WHEREAS the Calgary Police Service, in collaboration with other Police Services and first response agencies, has created a course that meets these needs to provide the most comprehensive and professional drill, ceremonial, and protocol training in Canada, and

WHEREAS this training will be held for the first time in Ontario in April of 2023 to make it more economical to attend for officers from the services of Ontario and eastern Canada, Border Services, and Correctional Services. Other emergency services, including fire, emergency medical services, and peace officers are also welcome to attend this course, and

WHEREAS the training will alternate each year between the Ontario Police College and Calgary Police Service, and

WHEREAS the training uses a multi-tiered approach in response to evolving needs and feedback from police agencies country-wide. The training consists of a Member and a Commander's course conducted concurrently, with plans to add streams for agency funeral coordinators and private practice funeral directors, and

WHEREAS all drill procedures and protocol are based on national standards as set out by the Canadian Armed Forces while being inclusive of applicable provincial and local standards and traditions, and

WHEREAS this course has been endorsed and adopted for use by the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police and the Alberta Association of Sergeants Major.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police formally endorses and adopts for use the Canadian Police Ceremonial Training Course as the recognized ceremonial training for Ontario Police Ceremonial Units.