



## **Conferences, Seminars & Workshops from the OACP and Police Community Across Ontario**

**February 13, 2026**

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Events and Professional Development

*As we approach the long weekend, we wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day and Happy Family Day!*

*Make sure to check our upcoming professional development opportunities and stay informed through our [website](#) and by following us on [X](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [BlueSky](#).*

*Are you a member of an OACP Committee, Working Group or Network? These groups are leaders in developing and presenting OACP conferences, seminars, and workshops. Visit our website and consider how you can join in driving the future of policing in Ontario!*

### **Save the date for these upcoming 2026 OACP Professional Development Opportunities! Registration will commence soon.**

- Committee Chairs Meeting, March 31-April 1, 2026, in Blue Mountain, ON
- OACP Leadership Forum, April 23-24, 2026, in Niagara Falls, ON
- Recruiters Symposium – Trends & Challenges, Apr 28 - 29, 2026, in Toronto, ON
- FOIPN Annual Conference, May 25-27, 2026, in Niagara-On-The-Lake, ON
- OAPCM Conference, May 26 – 27, 2026, in Ottawa, ON

[Please click on the highlighted links to find out more!](#)



## [2026 OACP Annual Conference](#)

**May 31 to June 3, Niagara Falls, ON**

Mark your calendars to join your fellow OACP members at the OACP 2026 Annual Conference, taking place May 31 to June 3, 2026, at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

This year's theme is "*Legacy. Innovation. Service. – 75 Years.*" As we celebrate our association's 75th anniversary, the conference will focus on leadership and excellence in policing that serves as a catalyst for positive change and provides a forum for learning, collaboration, inspiration, and networking. This conference ultimately benefits the communities served by Ontario's dedicated police professionals as attendees are guided from awareness to action on ways to improve service delivery and how to best equip your organization to adapt and thrive in a changing landscape.

### **Who should attend:**

- OACP Members
- Staff Sergeants, Inspectors, Superintendents, Deputy Chiefs & Chiefs of Police
- Directors, Managers, of police services
- Your colleagues who want to thrive to make Ontario safer!

### **Conference Details:**

Date: May 31-June 3, 2026

Location: Sheraton Fallsview (5875 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3K7)

Accommodations: To book your accommodations at the Sheraton Fallsview, [Click Here](#).

**To Register for the Conference, [Click Here](#).**

For any information or assistance with registration, please contact Kevin Bunting at [kbunting@oacp.ca](mailto:kbunting@oacp.ca).



## **Mental Health Crisis Response Education and Applied Training Program Webinar**

**February 19, 2026 (Virtual)**

The Mental Health Crisis Response (MHCR) Education and Applied Training Program (MHCR) is a scenario-based, community co-designed curriculum that offers enhanced training in de-escalation tactics and communication for all police officers across Ontario.

In order to provide your police organization with an update on these MHCR issues and afford your subject matter experts with an opportunity to engage with the program officials from Wilfrid Laurier University, we are inviting you to join us on **Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 1:00–2:00 PM**

This webinar will provide an update on the program and share information from the recently conducted survey and in other interactions with police services.

A Q&A period will be included in the session. **If you have any specific questions you would like addressed during the session, please email them in advance to Clare Tattersall, Program Coordinator, at [ctattersall@wlu.ca](mailto:ctattersall@wlu.ca), by Friday, Feb. 13, 2026.**

Please click [HERE](#) to register. A calendar invitation and webinar link will be sent only to registered participants.

## **CCN/COP Communicating Public Protests Webinar**

**February 26, 2026 (Virtual)**

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police's (OACP) Corporate Communications Network (CCN) is pleased to advise of its upcoming *Communicating Public Protests Webinar* on **February 26, 2026, 12-12:45 p.m.**

The purpose of this webinar is to strengthen your ability to manage real-time communications during high-pressure events, including protests. Throughout this session, you will build critical thinking skills, enhance your strategic planning, and refine your communication techniques as we prepare real-time statements, coordinate messaging, and maintain control of the narrative. Staff Sergeant Matt Halliday and Constable Brad Hickey, both from Waterloo Regional Police Service, will be presenting on this webinar.

Click [here](#) to register! A meeting link will be sent the day before only to those who register.

## Reintegration Facilitator Course

**March 3 - 6, 2026, Toronto, ON**

This Reintegration course was originally developed by the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) in 2009. They recognized the need for a program that would offer more substantial support for members returning to work after any critical incident. EPS then developed the Long-Term Reintegration program, designed to meet the needs of any member who has been away from the workplace for an extended period. An Instructor-Training course was then facilitated in Ottawa in 2021. There are currently nine qualified Reintegration instructors in Ontario from various police services.

The Reintegration Facilitator Course will ensure consistent training for and accessibility to the Reintegration Program for services across the province. This course aims to provide knowledge, skills, and abilities to those undertaking the critical role of Reintegration Facilitator and supporting members returning to work.

## Professional Standards Investigators Course

**Mar 9 – 13, 2026, Oshawa, ON**

The OACP Professional Standards & SIU Committee offers a five-day training course.

### **Course Instruction Includes:**

- Role of the Professional Standards Investigator
- Principles of Professional Standards
- LECA
- Public Complaints – Investigators Perspective
- Drafting a PSB Report
- Managing Chief's Investigations
- Case Study
- Charter of Rights – Criminal vs CSPA Investigations
- Conflict of Interest/IOP Investigations
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Investigative Response to SIU
- Workplace Harassment and CSPA Misconduct
- Media Presentation
- Imposition Committee Best Practices
- Interviewing Police Officers
- Code of Conduct, CSPA Penalties, Suspension, Expungement
- CSPA Hearings
- Role of Police Associations

### **Evaluation of Learning**

Delegates are evaluated throughout the course. To successfully complete this course, candidates must complete an online, open-book written exam.

Please see our events page for more information and to register!



## OACP/CCN Media Relations Officer Course

**March 23-27, 2026, St. Jacob's, ON**

The OACP Corporate Communications Network (CCN) is pleased to advise of its next Media Relations Officer Course, **March 23 to 27, 2026, at the Courtyard Marriott Waterloo/St Jacobs**, located on 50 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo, ON N2V 2J9.

Throughout the course, attendees will receive hands-on training in several different areas, including how to conduct proper media interviews, how to develop key messages, how to write a media release, how to respond to a crisis, and how to use social media tools to your advantage.

After successfully completing the course, participants will receive a certificate and *Best Practices Guide*. They will also be invited to become a member of the CCN-COP (Community of Practice), offering course participants further networking opportunities, training, and support from fellow Media Relations Officers (MROS), Public Information Officers (PIOs), and communications experts working in policing throughout Ontario.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register! Only a limited number of spots available.

Accommodations for participants are available at the [Courtyard Marriott Waterloo/St Jacobs](#). Book by Feb 24, 2026, to take advantage of our special group rate!

## OACP EDI Symposium

**April 21, 2026, Oshawa, ON**

Ontario police services are invited to participate in a transformative full-day training symposium dedicated to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in policing. This event will feature dynamic sessions on critical topics such as religious literacy in policing, practical workshops on developing an organizational EDI strategy, and exploring the importance of building strong community connections. The day will conclude with an engaging Chief of Police panel discussion, where leaders will share successes, promising practices, and candid insights into the challenges their services face in implementing EDI initiatives.

This symposium is designed to benefit police services of all sizes—small, medium, and large—by providing attendees with actionable tools and strategies to strengthen EDI within their organizations. Participants will leave equipped with practical resources and innovative approaches that can be immediately applied to their own police service. Don't miss this opportunity to collaborate, learn, and lead the way in creating inclusive and equitable policing across Ontario.

Accommodations can be booked [HERE](#) at a discounted group rate.



## Leadership Forum

**April 22-24, 2026, Niagara Falls, ON**

The Leadership Forum is a learning opportunity that allows Ontario police personnel to discuss, explore, and exchange ideas on areas of mutual concern/interest in law enforcement leadership and administration. This forum addresses practical, operational issues and provides participants with the tools to deal with organizational leadership challenges. Whether you are a senior officer, frontline personnel or civilian manager, this is your opportunity to engage with your fellow police leaders on some of the most critical, contemporary policing issues today.

The program features discussion areas on leading self, leading teams, and leading community from subject matter experts and current police leaders.

## OACP & Blue Line Expo

**April 29, 2026, Mississauga, ON**

The OACP is once again proud to partner with Blue Line Magazine to bring police leaders and members to the **OACP & Blue Line Expo**, to be held on Thursday, April 29, 2026, at the International Centre in Mississauga, ON.

The *Expo* will feature sessions curated for all ranks and a trade show floor with a wide range of exhibitors showcasing the newest products, technologies, services, and solutions for procurement professionals, senior police leaders, and other members of the policing, first responder, and security communities. Attendees will benefit from the unique networking opportunity this new partnership brings.

This Expo will be of benefit for:

- Chiefs of Police and Command Staff
- Police service procurement staff
- Customs officers
- Police officers: military, local, municipal, provincial, federal, and Indigenous
- Federal and provincial corrections officers
- Security professionals
- Fire chiefs and other fire department personnel

**Admission is free, so sign up today to attend Canada's largest law enforcement expo and conference. Click [here](#) for more information or email [events@annexbusinessmedia.com](mailto:events@annexbusinessmedia.com).**



## **OACP/OHIA Homicide Conference**

**May 4-8, 2026, Niagara Falls, ON**

The Mission of the Ontario Homicide Investigators Association (OHIA) is to bring together the men and women charged with the responsibility of investigating homicides and to provide a forum through which they can share their skills, knowledge, and expertise for their professional development and support.

Each year the OHIA Workshop Committee provides content that is topical, relevant, and aimed to benefit Canadian Homicide Investigators by developing their skills in the current environment. This ensures that the workshop is informative, relevant, and educational.

## **2026 Ontario Forensics Investigators' Association Conference**

**April 27 - May 1, 2026, Niagara Falls, ON**

The OACP and the Ontario Forensic Investigators' Association are proud to present the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual OFIA Conference!

The OFIA Educational Conference serves as a valuable platform to explore the latest advancements and innovative technologies within the forensic investigations field. It provides a unique opportunity for delegates to gain insights into emerging techniques, stay abreast of industry developments, and foster professional growth.

Please click [HERE](#) for the event website.

## **International Missing Persons & Unidentified Remains Conference**

**September 29 – October 1, 2026, Toronto, ON**

Designed to address the increasingly complex challenges surrounding missing persons investigations, this groundbreaking event will unite global experts, practitioners, and policymakers. It will focus on discovering and applying innovative technologies, strategies, and approaches to enhance the search, investigation, identification, recovery, and reunification of missing individuals, regardless of the circumstances of their disappearance.

### **Strategic Topics to be Covered Include:**

- Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG)
- Criminal Investigations
- Innovative and Effective Search and Rescue Technologies
- Assessing and Responding to Risk

You won't want to miss this event! Registration TBA.



***Stay up-to-date on all our exciting Professional Development Opportunities by visiting the [Police Community Events Calendar](#)***

**Please click on the highlighted links to find out more and to register for these Police Community Events:**

### **CACP Events**

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) provides learning opportunities at a national level. Check out these opportunities [here](#).

### **Micro Research Workshop with Barrie Police Service** **February 16 - 27, 2026 (Weekdays only)**

Interested in community-based research?

- Learn how to design and conduct a research project and how to write a proposal.
- Research training and support from experienced teachers and one-on-one team coaching.
- Address issues within your community by bringing your own ideas to the table.
- Access to web-based research curriculum for continued learning.
- Collaborate with other professionals and community members in your area.
- Opportunity to apply for a research grant to implement your project.
- Learn how to publish your research results and make a difference in your community!

For more information or to register, contact Staff Sergeant Angela Butler at [abutler@barriepolice.ca](mailto:abutler@barriepolice.ca).



## **Annual Police Employment Conference**

**February 24 - 25, 2026, Toronto, ON**

The Police Association of Ontario (PAO), in partnership with the OACP and Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB), is hosting the Annual Police Employment Conference February 24 – 25, 2026. This conference is an opportunity to engage directly with leading legal experts representing both police association and police employer perspectives who bring real-time analysis, cutting-edge research, and practical strategies to help navigate the evolving landscape of police employment.

### **Key topics on this year's agenda include:**

- Collective Bargaining Update
- Changes to s.220 of the CSPA
- Disability Accommodation
- WSIB and top-up entitlements
- Human Rights in the Workplace

Click [HERE](#) for Registration Information and Full Conference Details

## **Women in Indigenous Policing Conference and Gathering 2026**

**April 7–9, 2026, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

*Theme: Voices of Strength: Celebrating Leadership, Resilience, and the Power of Connection.*

Highlights include keynote speakers Deputy Chief Tricia Rupert and Superintendent Bonnie Emerson, leadership panels and workshops, and cultural experiences such as Elder teachings, Hoop Dancers, and blanket ceremony.

*Featuring Fireside Chats – Personal stories of resilience and service*

1. Trailblazers & Changemakers "Firsts and Fierce: Stories from the Frontlines". Women who were the first in their roles share their journeys, challenges, and victories.
2. Mentorship & Sisterhood "Lifting as We Climb". Intergenerational dialogue between senior and emerging leaders on mentorship and legacy.
3. Leadership in Action "Leading with Heart and Backbone". Real talk about leadership styles, decision-making, and staying grounded in values.

Registration is now open! [Click here to Register.](#)

## **Leadership Coaching Program**

The OACP and Ontario Women in Law Enforcement (OWLE) have partnered with Heather Clayton Consulting to provide a Leadership Coaching Program designed for



women in senior law enforcement positions (Civilian Managers and above, & Uniformed Inspectors and above).

We invite you to:

- [Sign up for email notification](#) about the start date of pre-registration.
- **Save the Cohort 4 dates:**
  - October 6-8, 2026 – Foundation Residency
  - November 2026-January 2027 – Leaders’ Coaching Circles (online)
  - January 13-14, 2027 – Winter Residency

**Leading Women** is a three-part program for 24 women, opening with a 3-day, 2-night residency, closing with a 2-day, 1-night residency, with online coaching practice sessions between them. The program fee is \$3995 per participant. It includes:

- two residencies with *all food and accommodation* (5 days, 3 nights),
- approximately 40 hours of learning sessions with a ratio of facilitator to participant of 1:8
- online Leadership Coaching Circles for deeper learning/practice in smaller groups of 4 leaders and 1 coach

The residential intensives will be held at Crieff Retreat Centre, intentionally creating space to learn, network and enjoy the outdoors without distraction.

Click [HERE](#) for an overview of the leadership experience and its impacts. For more details, please visit the [Leading Women site](#) or get in touch at [heather@heatherclaytonconsulting.com](mailto:heather@heatherclaytonconsulting.com).

## **International Association of Women Police Canadian Regional Training**

**October 28-29, 2026, Banff, Alberta**

### *Women Leading Change*

Join police officers and professional staff from across Canada to discuss contemporary policing topics. Hear from Inspiring Speakers; Participate in Skill-Building Workshops, Leadership Development, and Networking Opportunities.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register!

## **Finding Your Way – Dementia Response Training**

*Note: this course does not have a fixed date/time – it is “learn at your own pace”*

On behalf of the OACP Police Response to Persons in Crisis (PRPC) Committee, this training opportunity is provided by the Alzheimer Society of Ontario’s Rapid Response

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Advisory Group. This group comprises 10 police services, the Ontario Police College, staff from the Alzheimer Society across Ontario, individuals living with dementia, and their care partners. This training will expand your understanding of the signs and symptoms of dementia, tips for engaging with a person living with dementia and their care partner, search techniques for a missing person living with dementia, situations in which police might be involved with a person living with dementia, and resources available across Ontario.



**To include upcoming events from your police organization, please contact [communications@oap.ca](mailto:communications@oap.ca).**

**For all event-related inquiries, please contact Kevin Bunting at [kbunting@oacp.ca](mailto:kbunting@oacp.ca).**

**Please note that the OACP does not include non-police community events in this communique. For more information, please contact Dr. José Luís (Joe) Couto, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at [jcouto@oacp.ca](mailto:jcouto@oacp.ca).**