Demonstrations in Ottawa

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Mission

Using an integrated response, the Ottawa Police Service, along with policing and city partners, will keep the peace, enforce legislation, and maintain public safety for the duration of events and demonstrations with the utmost respect to individuals *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and a priority on the safety and well-being of the community and emergency services personnel.

Police presence does not indicate support.

Role of Police

The Ottawa Police Service's objectives for demonstrations are:

- maintain public order and preserve the peace;
- remain neutral where possible and facilitate the building of trust between police, participants and the community;
- ensure the safety and security of the public and the emergency services personnel;
- minimize disruption for Ottawa residents, businesses and visitors;
- identify and assess threats and risks and develop contingency plans to mitigate where required;
- provide security commensurate to the threat level, and;
- enforce laws and investigate offences where warranted while respecting the democratic freedoms of thought, belief, opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.



Special Events

Ottawa Senators Panda Game President Zelensky Bluesfest 1 Million Man March 4 Children National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Canada Day Rapid Bridge Replacements Escapade Hydro Ottawa Trans Rights School Demos On 20ttawa Khalistan Freedom CN Cycle for CHEO Concerts
Rolling Thunder March for Life
State Funeral Drag Story Time President Biden



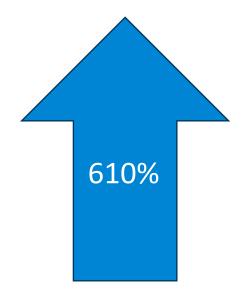
Example: Public Order Unit Deployments

2015 to 2021: 7 operational days (average)

2022: 600% increase to 49 operational days

2023: Another 10% increase over 2022

2024: 12 deployments since January 1





Major Event Costs

Event	OPS Compensation	Surge Capacity	Non- Compensation	TOTAL
US President Biden	1,845,806	3,894,640	1,632,761	\$7,373,207
Convoy 2.0	1,616,713	11,404	1,166,182	\$2,793,659
Palestine/Israel (Note 1)	1,083,258	292,295	193,253	\$1,568,806
Ukrainian President Zelensky	881,820	184,045	490,785	\$1,556,650
Other Events (Note 1, 2)	778,645	632,973	89,947	\$1,501,565
			TOTAL	\$14,793,887

Note 1: OPS compensation is Overtime costs only, no regular deployments or vehicle costs have been calculated

Note 2: Includes 2023-24 demonstrations such as 1 Million March for Children, East vs. West Demo, Convoy Anniversary, Trans Rights Rally, etc.





Outreach and Community Engagement

Objectives:

- Understand community perspectives
- Share pertinent information on hate crimes and incidents
- Collaborate to ensure demonstrations are conducted lawfully and safely
- Safeguard the rights and security of all community members
- Evaluation of proactive and responsive police measures







