

Bonsoir, membres du conseil,

I want to express our condolences for the tragic deaths of 11 people in Vancouver this weekend at a Filipino festival.

Our hearts are with all of those affected, and the entire Filipino community.

We have reached out to the local Filipino community to let them know they have our support and to ensure they know we are here to help. We hope to speak to community leaders later this week.

The safety of large groups of people, whether they be at festivals, concerts or demonstrations, is always top of mind for our event planners and emergency services unit.

We have taken measures to protect those types of gatherings and will continue to adapt our plans and strategies.

Death of a Member

I must share the heartbreaking news of the passing of one of our members, Special Constable Devan Kealey, who died earlier this month.

Devan joined our Service in 2023 and worked in our Cellblock. His sudden passing has deeply impacted his colleagues, family, and friends—we are all mourning this loss.

This loss is deeply felt across the organization. Our thoughts are with his family and everyone who worked alongside him.

Today is also the **National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace.**

Our flags are lowered to half-mast to honour those lives lost and those who continue to live with injuries sustained on the job. Thank you to every OPS member who works tirelessly to keep each other and the public safe.

Your vigilance honours this day.

Votre vigilance honore cette journée.

The past month has been marked by intense operational activity, including five homicides and a major incident on Parliament Hill.

I'll speak to many of those incidents in this verbal report.

Je vais parler de PLUsieurs de ces incidents dans ce rapport verbal.

HOMICIDES

This month, our investigators—and teams across the Service—have been working tirelessly on multiple complex homicide cases.

Between an 8 day period – our teams responded to a total of 5 homicides, with a total of 10 homicides thus far in 2025. This is concerning and we've spoken with the community and the media at length.

Our homicide team has made arrests for 9 of 10 homicides. I'm proud of them, our Forensic Identification team and others who have assisted with these investigations. These cases are not connected, but each represents a devastating loss for families and communities.

The homicide unit is focused on the one homicide that remains unsolved.

That incident occurred at the end of March, officers were called to Primrose Avenue, where 63-year-old Paul Scott Landymore was found with life-threatening injuries. He later died in hospital.

If you have information that can assist this investigation, please contact the Homicide Unit or Crime Stoppers anonymously.

HONOURING OUR TELECOMMUNICATORS

During **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**, we celebrated the critical work of our 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers. Often, there is chaos/stress or panic at the other end of the phone when someone calls

police. Our team in the Communication Centre provide the steady voices, guiding both the public and our officers through emergencies.

They are the first point of contact—the calm in crisis. To every dispatcher and comms officer, thank you for your professionalism, your care, and your commitment. You save lives.

Merci à l'équipe pour son travail et pour protéger notre communauté.

Later today, we'll hear from Eric Janus, Manager of our Communications Centre, about the outstanding work of his team.

FRAUD – GOLD SCAM

Our Fraud Unit is warning seniors and the public about a dangerous “fake gold” scam.

Victims are shown pop-ups that appear to come from financial institutions, warning them that their accounts have been compromised. They're then urged to purchase gold as a protective measure, which fraudsters later collect.

Two Ottawa seniors have lost over \$500,000 each; a similar case occurred in Norfolk County. This is a variation of the “Grandparent Scam,” that has replaced demands for bail money for a loved one with gold purchases.

Please remember:

- Never buy gold or gift cards in response to unsolicited messages.
- Speak with a trusted person before making financial decisions.
- If you suspect fraud, call 211 or police immediately.

Let's stay vigilant and look out for each other.

NOMINATIONS FOR BRAVERY AWARD

I am also pleased to announce that four OPS Constables have been nominated for the **Ontario Medal for Police Bravery**:

- **Csts. Kyle Lamothe and Samson Vo** – for arresting an active shooter tied to an emerging street gang.
- **Csts. Paddy Magill and Patrick Wiseman** – for a high-risk pursuit and arrest of an armed suspect in Carlington.

All four demonstrated exceptional courage and sound judgment under pressure. Their actions made our city safer.

The province's highest award for police bravery will be reviewed by an independent committee later this year. We're proud of our nominees.

DRUGS – GOOD POLICE WORK

On March 25th, East NRT officers responded to community concerns about a suspected apartment takeover on Russell Road.

A walkthrough of the building revealed signs of forced entry into an apartment.

Inside, a 25-year-old woman with trespass history was located. Officers found a shotgun, ammunition, and several illicit drugs—including fentanyl, meth, and methylphenidate pills.

Thanks to quick coordination with Ottawa Community Housing and follow-up by the Guns and Gangs Unit, these weapons and drugs are now off our streets.

BEEPING EGGS PROJECT

This Easter, OPS partnered with Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Association to host the **Beeping Eggs Project** for children who are blind or visually impaired.

Events took place at CNIB and Sylvia Holden Park, featuring a sound-guided egg hunt, crafts, games and visits from the Bomb Unit, CBRNE Team and beloved K9s West and Cindy.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it a memorable day.

2025 OPS GALA BENEFICIARIES

I'm pleased to announce the 2025 OPS Gala will support:

- **Capital Prosperity Foundation** – delivering services to children and families in marginalized communities.
- **Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre** – providing residential treatment for youth with substance use and mental health challenges.

Join us on **November 8, 2025**, at Rogers Centre Ottawa for an evening of fundraising, dinner, and dancing.

Thank you to all applicants—we encourage you to apply again next year.

Traffic Safety: A Priority for OPS and Our Community

I'm going to take a bit of time to talk Traffic Safety and Traffic enforcement with the Board tonight. Traffic safety remains one of the top concerns raised by Ottawa residents—and it's a key priority for the Ottawa Police Service. The investments made through the 2025 Budget ensure we can continue to maintain and enhance our response this issue.

OPS plays a critical, multi-layered role in ensuring traffic safety in our city and we do so with limited but wisely deployed resources.

From speeding and stunt driving to disruptive noise and safety in school zones, our teams are on the ground addressing public concerns through education, enforcement and proactive partnership operations.

We work hand-in-hand with our partners, including the City of Ottawa and , MTO and the Ontario Provincial Police, and we listen to our communities to identify issues and drive local solutions. While our dedicated Traffic Unit is at the forefront, officers across the Service—especially from the Frontline Directorate—are key contributors in these efforts.

The Traffic Services Unit operates at approximately 50% due to ongoing budget and human resource challenges that we are working to address. **As part of our new District Policing Model, in 2026, we are working to fully staff the traffic unit and increase its officers to meet the demands in the**

community. This will require additional investment but we are focused on ensuring we have a full team to deploy across the four Districts.

Under the OPS 2025 Enhanced Integrated Enforcement Initiative, our Traffic Unit is currently focusing enforcement efforts in three priority areas:

- West-end arterial roads as part of the High-Visibility Arterial Enforcement Pilot
- Central and East enforcement lists, based on public complaints and data
- And joint operations with provincial partners to get unsafe vehicles off the road

Each month, we conduct both OPS-led and paid-duty RIDE programs, including major events like the Mega National Capital RIDE scheduled for May 16 during Canada Road Safety Week. These initiatives are complemented by traffic safety operations at demonstrations and special events, including upcoming escorts for:

- The Armenian Demonstration (April 24),
- CN Cycle for CHEO (May 4),
- March for Life (May 8), and
- The CANSEC Conference (May 27–29).

Despite those shortages, the team continues to make every effort count. More than \$6 million annually is invested into this work, not including the significant time our frontline officers dedicate to traffic enforcement. Through the OPS Staff Stabilization Plan, we're actively working to close those resource gaps and ensure consistent, community-focused traffic enforcement.

Recent results show the impact of our efforts:

- From April 11–15, OPS officers issued 692 traffic-related charges under multiple acts:
 - 209 Provincial Offence Notices
 - 412 Warnings
 - 71 Summons

One specific deployment on April 12 as part of #ResidentsMatter focused on a car rally in Kanata. This event led to multiple charges including speeding, improper mufflers, obstructed plates, expired permits, and more. Two stops led to notable outcomes:

- One driver, a wanted person, was arrested on outstanding warrants related to dangerous driving and obstructing police.
- Another driver, operating with no insurance and unauthorized plates, now faces multiple charges and vehicle impoundment.

These are just snapshots of the comprehensive work our officers are doing to keep roads safe for everyone.

As we head into warmer months, traffic volumes and risks will rise. OPS will be there, continuing our work through targeted campaigns, special enforcement events and daily traffic patrols.

Letter

Finally, I would like to end this verbal report with a heartfelt note that shows how the work of police can have an important and, sometimes, unseen impact. Here is an anonymous letter we received recently.

“As I approach a milestone in my personal journey, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you...I will celebrate 20 years of continuous sobriety, and I owe a debt of thanks to two Officers who visited my home many years ago. After a night of reckless behaviour, I had just been fired from my job that afternoon, I was fortunate to have two Officers knock on my door. While I'm sure their intentions were to arrest me that night...Their kindness, empathy and concern for my well-being helped to plant a seed that would eventually grow into my decision to seek help and start my journey towards sobriety.

I regret not being able to recall the names of those two Officers, but I want you all to that their actions that night were a turning point in my life. Your work goes beyond enforcing laws and maintaining order, you have the power to change lives.

I want to thank each of you for your dedication, compassion and selflessness. Your work is not always easy, and it often goes underappreciated. But I am

proof that you make a difference...Please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. I'm just one example of the countless lives you've touched, and I'm honoured to express my gratitude to each of you. Thank you for your service. Thank you for being there when it matters most. And thank you for helping people like me find a second chance.”

Merci, et je suis heureux de répondre à vos questions.