

Media Release

Chief Steve Tanner of Kingston Police Installed as OACP President

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(London, ON) – Chief Steve Tanner of the Kingston Police has been installed as President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP). Chief Tanner assumed the OACP Presidency at the conclusion of the OACP's 2012 Annual Meeting held in London June 17-20.

More than 200 of Ontario's top police leaders from federal, provincial, municipal, and First Nations police services were joined by government officials, corporate, and community supporters at the premier annual gathering of police leadership in the province.

"It's an honour to take on this leadership responsibility on behalf of Ontario's police leaders," said Chief Tanner. "Ontarians expect and deserve professional and accountable policing and safe communities. Our association has been equipping police leaders across Ontario to do just that for more than six decades."

Chief Tanner thanked Chief Matt Torigian of Waterloo Regional Police Service for serving as OACP President during the past year. "Chief Torigian has been a strong and effective voice for policing excellence and community safety this past year."

Joining Chief Tanner on the OACP Executive for 2011-12 are the following police leaders:

- Past President: Chief Matt Torigian (Waterloo Regional Police Service)
- First Vice-President: Chief Paul Cook (North Bay Police Service)
- Vice-President: Chief John Hagarty (City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service)
- Vice-President: Deputy Chief Jennifer Evans (Peel Regional Police)
- Vice-President: Deputy Chief Bruce Herridge (York Regional Police)
- Secretary-Treasurer: Chief Frank Elsner (Greater Sudbury Police Service)
- Executive Director: Ron G. Bain

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Chief Steve Tanner

President

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

Chief of Police S.J. (Steve) Tanner was born in Oakville, Ontario, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Guelph before entering the policing profession as a member of the Halton Regional Police Service in the fall of 1982.

As a member of the Halton Regional Police Service, Chief Tanner worked in a variety of areas, including uniformed patrol, criminal investigations, tactical rescue, training, intelligence, and major crime (homicide as well as forensic polygraph examination). He also served as an elected representative and as the Chair of the Halton Regional Police Association. During his tenure he was also actively involved at the provincial level with the Police Association of Ontario.

In 1998, Chief Tanner accepted the position of Deputy Chief of Operations with the Guelph Police Service, a position he held until relocating to Belleville as the Deputy Chief in 2000.

In 2001, Steve graduated from the Master of Public Administration degree program at the University of Western Ontario, a three-year course of study that spanned some of his time in Halton as well as Guelph and culminated while with the Belleville Police Service.

In January 2002, he was chosen as Belleville's Chief of Police. At that time and at the age of 41, Chief Tanner was one of the youngest Chief of Police in Canada.

Chief Tanner commenced his assignment as Kingston's 15th Chief of Police on November 1, 2008. The Kingston Police, with an annual operating budget of over \$31 million, is composed of over 200 sworn police officers and 60 civilian members and serves a diverse and vibrant city.

Chief Tanner has been actively involved over many years with a variety of organizations and boards, including the Children's Aid Society, Belleville General Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and a variety of sports teams and organizations. He has served as the Chair of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario.

In February 2010, he was designated as a Certified Municipal Manager Level III (the highest level) by the Ontario Municipal Management Institute, and in January 2012, he was appointed by the Governor General of Canada as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Chief Tanner is married and enjoys time with his lovely wife of over 20 years, Colette, as well as with his two sons, Jordan and Aron. He enjoys travel, as well as a variety of recreational sporting activities.

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