

Meryle Cameron



Meryle Cameron began his policing career with the Ottawa Police Service on August 27, 1951 and retired in 1989. During his 37 year career, Meryle was an active member of the Ottawa Police Association where he served 27 years as a board member and 16 years as President. It was during this time that the Ottawa Police Association was formed and as such it makes him a founding father of the Canadian Police Association movement. This was also the time when police associations were frowned upon by police service managers and when 'union' involvement was done at substantial risk to one's career.

Under his tenure as President of the association Meryle's members benefited from huge gains in the area of collective bargaining, uniform quality, pensions and member support initiatives. Meryle Cameron was also instrumental in developing a fund that eventually allowed the Ottawa Police Association to purchase the building it still calls home. This is the same building that houses the CPPA head office and that plays host to the thousands of members from across Canada and internationally during Memorial weekend. Meryle's single vision has provided a venue for association members to meet in safety and fraternity.

Meryle Cameron is still an avid supporter of the police association movement and is currently appointed by the board of directors to be the pension representative for the old City of Ottawa pension plan. To date he has dedicated 52 years of his life to association efforts, locally, provincially and nationally. Throughout all these years he's always been an inspiration, an advisor and mentor to those who are and have been working with him.