

BRIAN ADKIN

The Ontario Provincial Police Association was founded in 1954 and is the collective bargaining representative for 8,000 police officers and civilians who are members of the Ontario Provincial Police.

During his career with the Ontario Provincial Police, Mr. Adkin served at many locations throughout Ontario, performing general law enforcement duties as well as being a member and team leader of the underwater search and recovery team, and criminal investigation units.

In 1982, Mr. Adkin transferred to the Technical Support Branch where he was a wiretap co-coordinator. He was given responsibility for obtaining judicial authorizations for wiretaps which involved coordinating wiretap investigations throughout Ontario with the OPP as well as other police services. He received several promotions and currently holds the rank of Detective Staff Sergeant. Mr. Adkin was responsible for major commercial crime investigations in this assignment. Mr. Adkin has also lectured extensively at the Ontario Police College and the OPP Academy on the subjects of wiretap law and procedure, fraud and commercial crime.

Mr. Adkin was awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal in 1994. In 2002 he was awarded the Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of his efforts as a police association leader. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal is awarded to Canadian citizens who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community and country.

Mr. Adkin became a member of the OPP Association Branch Executive in 1985 and was elected to the Provincial Board in 1992. He has been the President of the OPP Association since 1994, and holds the distinction of being the longest serving OPP Association President.. this distinction speaks to the trust and respect that his membership has in his ability and leadership.

Mr. Adkin has served on numerous committees as well as being a member of the Board of Directors at the provincial and federal level of police associations. He served as a Director of the Police Association of Ontario for 1992 and 1993, and was the Ontario Vice-President of the Canadian Police Association from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Adkin was the founder of the National Association of Professional Police, representing 24,000 police members across Canada, and served as President from 2000 to 2003.

Mr. Adkin was the primary influence, which brought together the National Association of Professional Police and Canadian Police Association into one new organization. Mr. Adkin served this organization as its Vice President. He is recognized as a national leader in police labour relations.

Mr. Adkin was a member of the Ontario Provincial Police for 33 years and was the longest standing Provincial President of the one of the largest Police Associations in Canada. Mr. Adkin retired in October 2005 and officially ended his term as OPPA President.

Mr. Adkin's involvement at the provincial and national levels has benefited police members, and the public largely because of his ability to interact and influence government leaders. He was often consulted with, and has been influential in the creation of many Government Bills. Mr. Adkin was continually aware of political activities and the analysis of those activities, which affected policing. He actively worked with politicians and government officials to enact changes, which were in the best interests of policing and public safety.

Mr. Adkin was very well respected by the Senior Command Staff of the OPP. This was showcased at the 2002 conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police where Mr. Adkin together with OPP Commissioner G. Boniface spoke at a workshop regarding relationships between police management and associations. This speaks highly of Mr. Adkin's desire to work together with management to advance public and police safety as well as the quality of life of his members.

On June 8, 2004, Mr. Adkin was honoured to receive the first Honorary Applied Studies Degree by Georgian College. This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to society; has achieved noted accomplishments in a particular field of study or applied education; or has enhanced or promoted the College's image and reputation in Ontario or elsewhere. Mr. Adkin's selection for this historic designation was based on all of the above criteria.

Mr. Adkin has always exemplified the highest standards of honesty, integrity, compassion, respect and accountability. He leads by example.

Mr. Adkin is married to Janet and has two children. They too are recognized as having given and sacrificed greatly. Their support and tolerance encouraged Mr. Adkin to dedicate much of his life towards the safety of the citizens of Ontario and Canada as well as improving the safety and quality of life of his members.