



**Neal Jessop** was first elected to the Windsor Police Association Board of Directors in 1975, and four years later was elected as President, an office he held until 1985.

In 1985, Neal stepped down as President of the Windsor Police Association largely due to his expanding duties with the Police Association of Ontario.

First elected as a Director with the PAO in 1981, Neal was re-elected in 1983 and that year was selected as Board Chair. In 1985, he became President, a position he held for three consecutive two-year terms.

As spokesperson for over 21,000 police and civilian members he quickly became a well recognized and respected voice for policing. During his tenure, the organization purchased its current offices in Mississauga and expanded the provision of services to its membership. Under his direction the PAO also moved from sideline observer status to active participant in dealings with provincial government.

In 1990, Neal was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Police Association as the Ontario Vice-President. In 1992, he was elected as President and he continued in that capacity for three consecutive terms, stepping down in 1999.

Neal's term as CPA President included the dedication of the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Pavilion, the organization developed a new political action plan, established Lobby Day, introduced the Awards of Excellence, strengthened its relationship with CBU and developed a new business partnership with the Covington Group.

In 2003, Neal was presented with the PAO's Dennis R. Latten Award in recognition of his contributions and commitment to front line police personnel in Ontario. In 2004, the Windsor Police Association established the Neal Jessop Award, which will be presented annually to a member of the Windsor Police Association for outstanding service to the community, police service or police association. It is a fitting tribute to a career that set standards of excellence in each of these categories.