

Terry Ryan



Terry Ryan began his policing career with the Pickering Township Police Department on November 25, 1973 and then carried on with the Durham Regional Police Service after regionalization in 1974. He became involved in the Durham Regional Police Association in 1986 and held many positions, the last being President which he remained in for five years until his tragic death in May 2002. He sat on the Police Association of Ontario's board of directors since 1995, and took a leading role in numerous committees representing the PAO in an unfailing professional manner.

Terry's crusade was never just for the benefit of his own members but for all police personnel across Ontario and Canada. He strongly believed that police associations needed to bond together for the betterment of policing and to promote police officers' rights and concerns.

For Terry, unity and brotherhood were also exemplified through team spirit and social activities. He always participated in the Annual International Police Hockey Tournament and hosted the 2000 tournament. He was a relentless supporter of the World Police and Fire Games and never missed an opportunity to encourage other members in both his own association and member associations to represent their service in this united venue. Terry Ryan was a true brother, confidante, leader and friend and his innovative ideas put the Police Association of Ontario and the Canadian Police Association front and centre as credible and effective organizations.