

Commissioner Gwen M. Boniface Ontario Provincial Police

Gwen M. Boniface began her career in 1977 and has held a number of progressively responsible positions, such as Superintendent of the First Nations and Contract Policing Branch, Chief Superintendent of the Organizational Development Bureau, Regional Commander for Western Ontario and, currently, as Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).



Commissioner Boniface leads over 7,000 OPP uniform and civilian members serving in excess of one million square kilometres of land and water. She is responsible for policing services to diverse communities throughout Ontario, including front-line delivery, administrative support services and highly specialized and multi-jurisdictional investigations.

Commissioner Boniface earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from York University and a Bachelor of Laws degree at Osgoode Hall Law School. She was called to the Bar in Ontario during 1990, and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. In 1997, she was appointed to the Law Commission of Canada, an independent federal law reform agency that advises Parliament on how to improve and modernize Canada's laws. Through this appointment, and her work as an adjunct professor at the University of Western Ontario Law School, the Commissioner has made significant contributions to the field of justice. She has been the recipient of the Humber College Alumnus of Distinction Award and was invested into the Order of Ontario in 2001, and the Order of Merit of the Police Forces in 2002.

Commissioner Boniface is, by invitation, a member of the First Nations Chiefs of Police. She has served as a Director, Vice-President, and, in 2001, became the first female President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2002, Commissioner Boniface was elected Second Vice Chair of the Division of State and Provincial Police of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and is the first Canadian police officer to hold such a position.