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Chaffin previously served as a deputy chief and has overseen several key investigative units dealing with organized and serious crime, and was seen by many as a viable contender for the top post. He comes to the position as the city grapples with significant challenges, such as stemming the tide of fentanyl use and curbing a recent uptick in gang-related violence.

"Rest assured, we will double down on this idea that gang violence and these threats to our community will not go unchallenged," Chaffin said.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who praised the Calgary Police Service as "amongst the very best if not the best" in the world, said his priority for the future chief was focused on building strong, resilient and connected communities.

"I'm particularly thrilled that our new leader of our Calgary Police Service comes from within, showing the strength and the depth of the police service as it now stands," Nenshi said.

Chaffin echoed the mayor's sentiments, saying he would continue building relationships within the community, and noted the police service in Calgary has evolved into "an instrument of social justice as opposed to an instrument of paramilitary force" over the years.

"I see no need to ever step back from that model," he said.

Like Chaffin, the other two deputies who served under Hanson, Trevor Daroux and Murray Stooke, also applied for the top job.

"All of them could have done the job easily and they all have different attributes," said Howard Burns, president of the Calgary Police Association, which represents the department's 2,100 rank-and-file officers.

Sources confirmed to the Herald two current superintendents applied for the job, and that the list of external candidates included two senior officers who left the force in recent years: a former deputy chief and a retired superintendent who works for a private-sector company.

In his most recent role, Chaffin headed the bureau of organizational support, which oversees training, information technology, and human resources.

"I noticed (Hanson) leaned on him - and leaned on him heavily," Burns said.

Burns credited Chaffin with solving chronic problems with the police radio system - an issue that didn't generate much public attention, but had the potential to endanger officer safety if it wasn't dealt with properly.

"If you don't handle issues like that well, those are the sorts of things that can boil over publicly," said Burns.

Chaffin said he'd like to see the service become more innovative and adopt new and emerging technologies to tackle crime under his watch.

"There are little things that perhaps people don't notice but there are technologies out there that make us faster, make us smarter (and) take fewer people to do better work," he said. "(It's) something we have to look at."

(Calgary Herald)

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 1, 2015

SAINT JOHN - A dispute between the provincial government and the Saint John Police Force could soon close the city lockup to people arrested by the RCMP.

Sheriff's officers, who were running the detention centre, will no longer be guarding detainees at Saint John's police headquarters. That job will now be handled by the Canadian Corps of Commissioners.

Nicole Paquet, the chair of Saint John's Police Commission, says the changes follow word from the provincial government that it would no longer provide sheriffs to staff the detention centre after hours and on weekends.

"We arranged we had before was off the table," said Paquet.

The police department felt there was risk associated with having two service providers - sheriffs on weekdays and security guards at all other times - and elected, after issuing a request for proposals, to hire the Corp of Commissioners.

Tender documents on the city's website reveal the police department was asking for two guards to staff the detention centre 24 hours a day, seven days a week - one male and one female - for a total of 10 positions.

Paquet says unless a deal is reached with the province this fall, the department has to stop taking people into RCMP custody because the province is unwilling to pay the "rack rate," which is the fee charged by the city to hold people being held by other police forces.

The provincial government has not revealed where people picked up by officers from RCMP detachments between Sussex and St Stephen will be held in the new year.

In a statement this afternoon, Anne Bull, a spokesperson with the Department of Justice, said the move "was due to a decision by the Sheriff's Services branch to focus its efforts on its core responsibilities, which include courthouse security, detainee transfers and the execution of court orders."

No reason has been given. As of Oct. 1, RCMP are still using the lockup. The contract with the city expires Dec. 31.

However, Paquet says the police department budget will be able accommodate the new arrangement, if negotiations do not lead to a solution.

"We've gone through the numbers," said Paquet. "We're comfortable with those numbers."

She says the city accepts about 2,000 detaine annually from the RCMP.

(CBC News)

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The accidental drug overdose of a Nova Scotia man is shining a light on so-called "research chemicals" that are making their way into the illicit drug market.

The chemicals are marketed by companies for what they say are research purposes. However, police forces in North America are now seeing them emerge as street drugs and say they are being deceptively marketed.

The problem, experts say, is some labs are making small changes to regulated prescription medications, creating these "research chemicals" that can be marketed with far less government oversight.

In Nova Scotia, the family of Michael Thompson, who was addicted to prescription drugs, were alarmed to find an envelope of white powder arrive in the mail just two days after his death on March 18.

The family says the envelope was from reChem Labs, a Kitchener, Ont.-based company, and contained what they thought was a drug equivalent to Ativan, which is often prescribed for anxiety. RCMP have launched an investigation, part of which generally includes sending a sample to a lab for analysis.

reChem does not sell Ativan - also known as lorazepam - but it does sell a similar chemical called etizolam. The drug, which is 10 times as potent as Valium, is sold as a prescription medication in India, Italy and Japan to treat panic attacks and insomnia.

But it is not approved for sale in Canada or the United States. And when it's marketed as a research chemical, that's a red flag signalling deception, according a spokesman for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

Some companies "try to convince the user or the consumer, the person on the other end of the computer, they're legal, they're safe, they're used for research, or it might be a safe alternative to an illegal drug," Rusty Payne says.

"All they want is the sale."

In the U.S., those addicted to lorazepam compare it to etizolam as a way to get high.

Law enforcement seizures are growing; between 2012 and 2014, Payne says 145 samples tested in DEA labs contained etizolam.

And in Toronto, police last year issued a warning after two men accidentally overdosed after taking research chemicals.

David Gardner, a professor of psychiatry and pharmacy at Dalhousie University, says

The Canadian Press
etizolam is a "family member, absolutely" to benzodiazepines such as Ativan, Valium and Xanax.

Benzodiazepines can be dangerous if abused and are controlled drugs in Canada and the U.S. Gardner says when taken recreationally, benzodiazepines have a euphoric but relaxed high, and are often combined with other street drugs.

The chemical changes between etizolam and lorazepam may be small, but legally they make a huge difference.

"There's chemical houses that are able to change the structure in very subtle ways to get around the regulations that we have, [so] that the chemical itself is not identified as a previously viewed and regulated substance," Gardner says.

(CBC News)

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2015

SYDNEY, N.S. - Nova Scotia's police watchdog says charges will not be laid against two officers in Cape Breton involved in the arrest of a youth whose mother complained that excessive force was used.

The Serious Incident Response Team says it received a complaint from the boy's mother on Jan. 19 after he had been arrested for attempting to break into a parked transport trailer in Sydney.

In his statement, the youth acknowledged he and a friend were caught trying to break into the transport trailer and alleged he was punched and tripped by the officers with Cape Breton Regional Police after he was handcuffed.

The officers denied the allegations and accused the boy of resisting arrest, saying he might have suffered his injuries when he was taken to the ground to control him.

The watchdog says the youth and the police officers appeared credible, and video of what happened no longer existed by the time its investigators were informed of the matter.

But it says the video had been viewed by the owner of a nearby store who did not see the police do anything out of the ordinary.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. - A coroner's jury has made 25 recommendations after reviewing evidence in the deaths of a Prince Rupert, B.C., mother and her severely autistic son.

Thirty-nine-year-old Angie Robinson killed herself on April 3, 2014, after taking the life of her autistic 16-year-old son Robert.

The jury heard the Ministry of Children and Family Development had received nine reports about incidents of child-safety protection, but closed the mother's case in December 2013 because there were no new events.

Among its recommendations, the jury called for the ministry to provide child safety training to social workers dealing with special needs children to identify when to involve child services.

It also called for a review of the autism funding cap of $6,000 per year for children over age 6 and consider increasing funding to ensure higher need children are being accommodated.

The jury also recommended that the ministry ensure caregivers of special needs children, living with conditions such a mental health issues or domestic violence, are assessed to determine appropriate support requirements.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2015

CALGARY - The Calgary Police Service says its mental health program is making a difference in reducing stigma and building resiliency within the force, and has now attracted the attention of law enforcement agencies from around the world.

Representatives from Scotland, the Netherlands and California attended a symposium held in Calgary in late September to learn about the service's Road to Mental Readiness or R2MR program and are now looking to adopt a similar initiative, after hearing about the successes within the city's police force.

And the facilitators who brought R2MR to the Calgary Police Service - the first municipal police organization in Canada to offer the program - are hoping the program's reach will continue to grow.

"There have been some life-altering cases and game-changers for certain people," said Kyle Clapperton, manager of the health, safety and wellness section at the Calgary Police Service. "We're seeing a reduction in stigma and an uptick in seeking resources early. That's a great positive of the program."

City police first learned of the Department of National Defence's R2MR program, used by members of the Canadian Armed Forces, in 2012, and started researching how they could reconfigure the program to fit a law enforcement context.

Sgt. Sergio Falzi, the Calgary Police Service's peer support co-ordinator at the time, and Theresa Shaw, wellness co-ordinator, worked with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and Alberta Health Services to adapt R2MR as a pilot project. The program was later adopted by the police service in late 2014.

"What was really important for us was, the program needed to build resiliency and be taught at a peer level so that it became something that really became rooted and grounded into the Calgary Police culture," Clapperton said.

Andrew Szeto, a researcher and assistant professor with the University of Calgary's department of psychology, said R2MR is geared
toward stigma reduction, building resiliency, and teaching people to be more aware of the state of their mental health.

Members are trained to use evidence-based skills, including positive self-talk, smart goal-setting, visualization, and diaphragmatic breathing to help manage stress and increase performance. The skills are meant to be applied to work and personal life scenarios, he added.

"Obviously, policing is a stressful job. There are tragic events that happen, they have to deal with life or death situations," Szeto said. "But really, the program is an excellent resource that helps police members increase their skills so they can deal with those stressors, the demands they experience in a policing environment."

Clapperton couldn't give specific examples, but says the tools can help officers when they attend calls.

"They can visualize some of the possibilities that are going to occur in the call and think about how they can respond to them. They can use diaphragmatic breathing to calm themselves, and be able to perform at a high level. It's about controlling arousal and being ready to perform at their best."

Szeto said he's also noticed, through focus groups and interviews, that members are accessing resources earlier and more frequently.

To date, nearly 2,000 members of the Calgary Police Service - about three-quarters of the force - have received the training, and more than 50 members have been coached to be peer trainers. The program is part of regular training for new recruits, and facilitators are currently testing a family version of the program.

Overall, about 8,000 members within law enforcement agencies across Canada - including in Edmonton, Vancouver, Quebec and the Maritimes - have received the training.

"We're getting quite a bit of interest," Szeto said. "We're looking to further spread the program internationally." (Calgary Herald)

**MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2015**

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. - British Columbia's police watchdog is investigating a fatality on or near the Patullo Bridge, east of Vancouver.

The Independent Investigations Office says several police agencies responded to a person in distress at about 3 a.m. The civilian agency says police have reported that the person did not survive.

The bridge that connects New Westminster and Surrey was closed until about 9 a.m., causing gridlock on other routes into Vancouver during the morning rush.

KAMLOOPS, B.C. - Two men accused of severely injuring an RCMP officer near Kamloops, B.C., have been ordered to stand trial.

Jerry Lamar and Leon Leclere were charged with one count each of attempting to wound, maim or disfigure Const. Paul Koester in Pritchard on July 5, 2014.

Lamar is facing an additional count of refusing to provide a breath sample.

Neither Lamar nor Leclere are in custody, and a trial date is expected to be set on Nov. 9. (Kamloops This Week)

**VICTORIA** - It was the perfect Hollywood ending to a guns-drawn pursuit of a cougar bounding across backyards, over fences and through garages in a downtown Victoria neighbourhood steps from British Columbia's legislature.

Dozens of residents peered over fences or stood on balconies watching the drama as police and conservation officers with dogs ran through alleys and along sidewalks with their pistols drawn as noisy crows led the chase from the sky.

Relieved neighbours and bystanders clapped and cheered after one shot from a tranquilizer rifle immobilized the big cat Monday morning.

About a half dozen officers surrounded the cougar as it lay on the grass with a dart in its side, its chest heaving, before it was lifted into the back of a pickup truck and placed in a steel barrel.

"We decided to tranquilize it because we had a chance to," said conservation officer Peter Pauwels.

He said he expected the cougar to wake up in a few hours when it would be released back into the wild Monday evening.

"I'm going to try and take it as far away from human civilization as I can get on southern Vancouver Island."

The pursuit was anything but quiet as police sirens wailed, tracking dogs howled and crows screeched from above.

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because when he was working as a Crown attorney in 2011, he was involved in prosecuting Sefa.

The director of a similar unit in Nova Scotia will take over the case.

Tessler told a news conference last month that officers got a call from a man’s family saying they were concerned for him.

Officers spotted the man’s white work van and followed it to the area where the shooting took place.

Tessler wouldn’t confirm the man shot had a gun of his own but said a firearm was found at the scene that did not belong to any of the police officers.

Very few other details were released about the case.

(CJOB)

EDMONTON - Edmonton’s police force tried to clarify Monday comments its chief made last week that out-of-work oilpatch workers could be to blame for the city’s recent rise in crime.

On the weekend, the Edmonton Police Service released tables and charts that it said shows monthly crime statistics in Edmonton climbing over the past 12 months as oil prices dropped to record lows.

On Monday, deputy chief Brian Simpson spoke to reporters on the steps of police headquarters.

"It’s not linked to oil prices," he said. "It’s linked to the change in the economy that we experience in Alberta. This has been an Alberta experience for a long time."

The department had said the data was provided in response to a request from Melissa Blake, the mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, that Chief Rod Knecht back up his claim that low oil prices and crime were connected.

"The price of oil is not the only factor behind a higher crime rate - population growth in the city and the local unemployment rate are also contributing factors," the news release on Sunday said.

"However, as the statistics show, the connection between the price of oil and crime rates in the city is clear."

Knecht said last week a lot of people are coming back from Edmonton from Fort McMurray and Cold Lake and are sitting around in Edmonton waiting for the price of oil to go back up so they can go back to work.

Blake called the comments "unjust." Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson also weighed in on the debate last week, saying the downturn in the economy means Edmonton ends up policing "northern Alberta's problem children."

The EPS will be asking city council for 80 additional officers during budget deliberations in November.

(CJOB, CTV Edmonton)

NEW YORK - Cybercrime costs are climbing for companies both in the U.S. and overseas amid a slew of high-profile breaches, according to a sixth-annual study by the Ponemon Institute pegged the average annual cost of cybercrime per large U.S. company at $15.4 million. That's up 19 per cent from $12.7 million a year ago.

It also represents an 82 per cent jump from Ponemon's inaugural study six years ago.

Individually, cybercrime costs for the U.S. companies surveyed varied dramatically, ranging from $1.9 million to $65 million.

And the average cost of a cyberattack on a U.S. company rose 22 per cent to $1.9 million from $1.5 million.

Globally, the average annualized cost of cybercrime increased 1.9 per cent from last year to $7.7 million.

The study examined the total cost of responding to cybercrime incidents, including detection, recovery, investigation and incident-response management. It also looked at after-the-fact expenses designed to prevent additional costs stemming from the potential loss of business or customers.

The study looked at a sample of 58 U.S. companies with at least 1,000 connections to its computer network. Globally, the study analyzed data from 252 companies in the U.S., United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Japan, Russia and Brazil.

(TUESDAY)

TORONTO - Toronto’s former city hall will likely serve as a courthouse for an additional five years as city council considers extending the province’s lease until a new downtown facility is built.

A report presented to the city’s government management committee earlier this week recommends stretching the lease to Dec. 31, 2021.

City council is expected to approve the extension at its Nov. 3 meeting. What to do with the building - which was designated a
national historic site in 1984 - once the courts move out is also up for consideration.

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SASKATOON - A Saskatchewan senator is challenging the RCMP and the federal government to release statistics proving that 70 per cent of aboriginal females killed in cases solved by police have died at the hands of other aboriginals.

Lillian Dyck, who was in Saskatoon for a panel on missing and murdered aboriginal women, says the RCMP has not released the data that backs up that conclusion.

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson released the statistic this year in a letter addressed to Chief Bernice Martial of Cold Lake First Nation in Alberta.

Martial had asked Paulson to verify the number, questioning whether the figure, earlier spoken of by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt, was accurate.

Paulson said the data from nearly 300 contributing police agencies "has confirmed that 70 per cent of the offenders were of aboriginal origin."

Dyck says she wonders if the federal government pressured the RCMP to back them up.

"I don't think it's true, someone should challenge them to release that data," she says.

(CKOM)

Oct 06 2015
The RCMP have launched a 10-day nationwide social media campaign aimed at solving cases involving missing aboriginal women.

From Oct. 5 to Oct. 14, the Mounties will highlight specific cases of missing Aboriginal women and girls across Canada on Facebook and Twitter, asking for the public's help in locating them.

Each case on the Canada's Missing website is profiled with a poster that provides information about the missing individual and the circumstances of the case and can be printed for distribution.

The month of October was chosen to coincide with the Sisters in Spirit Vigil held by the Native Women's Association of Canada.

Chief Edgar MacLeod of the Atlantic Police Academy said Mander warned him a number of times about policing in reference to prescription drug addiction, "we can't arrest our way out of this issue."

Dr. John Campbell, who heads mental health services in the Valley, recognized Mander for being an inspiring force. Health minister Leo Glavine said the chief was "so deserving of this recognition."

Mander was recognized by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, for his outstanding service to law enforcement and the public good.

(Kings County Register)
We take pride in the public spaces where people gather. Our citizens must be encouraged, supported, recorded and broadcasted. This type of behaviour can never be tolerated.”

WINNIPEG - Manitoba drivers are making it easy for thieves to steal their vehicles.

That’s according to Manitoba Public Insurance, which launched an awareness campaign Wednesday to urge people to keep their keys in secure areas at all times.

The Crown corporation says of the 400 vehicles stolen this past spring, 75 per cent of them involved the use of keys.

MPI says key-related thefts in this spring increased 11 per cent, compared to the spring of 2014.

Minister Gord Mackintosh says immobilizers have helped reduce auto theft rates and that over the past 10 years, auto thefts in Winnipeg have declined 85 per cent.

MPI’s Ward Keith said immobilizers are only effective if thieves don’t have access to a vehicle’s keys.

(CTV Winnipeg)

MONTREAL - Montreal’s new police chief Philippe Pichet told Global News the city will “have to cut some police officers.”

He said police departments across North America are facing serious budgetary constraints.

“Costs are going up. Criminality is going down, even if the criminality is more complex. That’s a challenge,” he told Senior Anchor Jamie Orchard.

“That’s why I want to look at the optimization of our human resources.”

Pichet replaced Marc Parent, who stepped down after five years as police chief and a total of 31 years of service.

Parent had been the first officer to recognize that racial profiling exists in the Montreal police force.

Pichet said he recognizes that profiling can happen and Montreal police must continue to collaborate with communities in order to address the issue.

Pichet also told Global News that he is in favour of placing body cameras on police officers.

He said that is among one of his policy priorities.

“I have to make sure that all citizens in Montreal can have a safe place to live,” he said.

(CBC News)
ROSEBURG, Ore. - The gunman in last week’s rampage at an Oregon community college was wounded in a shootout with police officers before he killed himself in the classroom where his victims lay dead and wounded, authorities said.

It was authorities’ most detailed account yet of the death of 26-year-old Christopher Harper-Mercer, who killed nine other people at Umpqua Community College. The victims included his classmates in a writing class and the instructor.

When two plainclothes detectives spotted Harper-Mercer in the doorway of a campus building, he fired at them, and the officers quickly returned fire. The killer then went back inside and shot himself in the classroom, Douglas County District Attorney Rick Wesenberg said at a news conference Wednesday.

The detectives arrived within minutes of the first reports of gunfire at Umpqua Community College.

Seconds later, the officers “both felt they had a good target,” Wesenberg said. Two of their bullets hit a wall. A third struck Harper-Mercer on the right side.

The wounded gunman “entered the classroom again, went to the front of the classroom and shot and killed himself,” Wesenberg said.

The attack in this rural timber town was the worst mass shooting in Oregon history. Nine others were wounded in the Oct. 1 attack. Investigators have not yet shared any motive for the killings.

SYDNEY, N.S. - The RCMP say an officer with the Cape Breton Regional Police faces a charge of identity fraud.

Const. Mark Skinner says the charge against the 39-year-old man involves fraudulently impersonating another person, living or dead.

Skinner says the officer cannot be named as the charge has not yet been sworn in court.

The officer was arrested Wednesday after the Mounties seized electronic devices from a home in an undisclosed location within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Investigators also seized a computer from a police-owned vehicle.

Skinner declined to say how long the Mounties have been investigating.

The RCMP say the accused has been released from custody and will appear in Sydney provincial court Dec. 15.

A spokeswoman for the Cape Breton Regional Police says the officer in question has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of the investigation.
Order of Merit of the Police Forces

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, presided over the annual Order of Merit of the Police Forces investiture ceremonies at Rideau Hall on September 18th, and at the Citadel on October 5th, 2015.

2015 Appointments

COMMANDE

Chief Constable James Chu, C.O.M.
Vancouver Police Department

OFFICERS

Deputy Chief Roger Chaffin, O.O.M.
Calgary Police Service

Chief Glenn DeCaire, O.O.M.
Hamilton Police Service

Chief Constable Frank Elsner, O.O.M.
Victoria Police Department

Deputy Chief Michael Federico, O.O.M.
Toronto Police Service

A/Commissioner Tracy Hardy, O.O.M.
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Chief Eric Jolliffe, O.O.M.
York Regional Police

A/Commissioner James Malizia, O.O.M.
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Deputy Chief Mark Saunders, O.O.M.
Toronto Police Service

MEMBERS

C/Superintendent Michael Armstrong,
Ontario Provincial Police

Superintendent David Attfield,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Sergeant Rob Bernier,
Ottawa Police Service

C/Superintendent Fred Bertucca,
Ontario Provincial Police

Staff Sergeant Ghalib Bhayani,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Inspector Carole Bird,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

C/Superintendent Peter Clark,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Staff Sergeant Ghalib Bhayani,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Chief Richard Bourassa,
Moose Jaw Police Service

Director Serge Boulerice,
Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu Police Service

Staff Sergeant Jacques Brassard,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Superintendent Donald Campbell,
Toronto Police Service

Superintendent Claude Castonguay,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

A/Commissioner Brenda Butterworth-Carr,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

C/Superintendent Gaetan Courchesne,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

C/Superintendent Charles Cox,
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Lakeshore Regional Police Service

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The Order of Merit of the Police Forces honours a career of exceptional service or distinctive merit displayed by the men and women of Canadian police forces, and recognizes their commitment to this country. The primary focus is on exceptional merit, contributions to policing and community development.

The commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Principal Commander of the Order, submits recommendations for appointment to the governor general on behalf of an advisory committee. Nominations for appointment to the Order may be made by submitting the name of a member or employee of a police force to the commanding officer of that police force.

Levels and post-nominals
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is the Sovereign of the Order; the governor general is the chancellor and one of the Commanders of the Order. The Principal Commander is the commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Commander - Post-nominals: C.O.M.
Recognizes outstanding meritorious service and demonstrated leadership in duties of great responsibility over an extended period, usually at the national or international level.

Officer - Post-nominals: O.O.M.
Recognizes outstanding meritorious service in duties of responsibility over an extended period, usually at the regional or provincial level.

Member - Post-nominals: M.O.M.
Recognizes exceptional service or performance of duty over an extended period, usually at the local or regional/provincial level.

Insignia Description
The badge of the Order is the same as that of the Order of Military Merit: a blue-enamelled, straight-end cross (four arms, narrow at the centre, wider at the ends) with an annulus in red, surmounted by St. Edward’s Crown. The ribbon is different and consists of three equal bands of blue, gold and blue. The annulus bears the inscription MERIT.M RITE.CANADA.

For more information about the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, visit the Honours section at www.gg.ca/honours.
The Citadelle, Quebec, Monday, October 5, 2015

I’m honoured to welcome all of you to the Citadelle today. How fitting that we’re here celebrating police officers in Quebec, considering the history of this place. One of the first Canadian police forces was formed in this city in 1651. However, that gathering of individuals was less of a “force” as we know it today than a group acting as night watchmen for the community.

As time went on, people realized that a volunteer or self-policing approach simply wasn’t the best approach to maintaining law and order. The best way is to recruit talented men and women and to build public trust. You do this by following the rule of law and by working hand in hand with the community. By ensuring your presence is felt and by treating those you serve with respect and with compassion.

In other words, we make our cities safer by putting our trust in people like you. You are officers of the highest quality. You enforce our laws. You keep the peace. You act as community ambassadors. You provide essential services and you do it well.

It’s not easy, the job you do. There was a stark reminder of that just last week, on Police and Peace Officers’ National Memorial Day. Hundreds of police officers, peace officers, families and friends gathered on Parliament Hill to hear the recitation of the Honour Roll—the names of more than 850 officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Officers who were doing their duty, who were protecting us, who were ensuring the safety of others.

The Memorial wall on Parliament Hill is a potent reminder of the sacrifice police officers make. But what has struck me the most in ceremonies such as this is your humility. You don’t consider yourselves heroes, just regular people doing your job. Yet, there’s nothing ordinary about each of you. Through your sense of duty, your courage and your compassion, you do the extraordinary.

The insignia you will receive shortly represents all that you have accomplished, all that you have done for this country. It’s Canada’s way of saying thank you for your continued dedication to your communities. You have earned our respect and our gratitude. Keep up your good work, helping us create more secure and caring communities.