



NATIONAL ROUNDUP



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Dumb Criminals

When someone called 911, then hung up, the police went to that location to see if there was a problem. It turns out that it was a motel where two drug dealers were staying in different rooms.

One tried to call the other in room 119 but dialed 911 by mistake.

Christmas Cheer in Northern Ontario (R18)



In 2025, Region 18 decided to fund raise among its members in order to provide some of the less fortunate people in Northern Ontario. Region 18 was able to raise more than \$3,500 from its generous membership. The Region 18



Executive formed a committee to decide on which needs it could and would meet.

A few examples of how the region stepped in to assist those in need included the following:

R18 has provided a wardrobe of clothing for a 10 year old daughter of an indigent single mom living in Haileybury, Ont.,as well as provided a turkey for them to enjoy for a Christmas dinner, which otherwise would have consisted of Kraft Dinner.

R18 has provided 15 pound turkeys for 4 needy families in the Matheson area of Northern Ontario.

R18 provided cash to a family of a single mother and her four young children, who, only 3 weeks before Christmas, lost everything they owned when their home burned to the ground.

R18 purchased a large number of socks to be handed out to the homeless people in Timmins, Temiskaming Shores and other areas in need.

More will be done before Christmas arrives. The members of Region 18 are proud to have been able to reach out to help some of those in need.





President's Message

President's Message to the General Membership **International Police Association – Section Canada**

Dear colleagues,

Summer has come and gone, fall has slipped away, and winter is now just around the corner. I sincerely hope that you and your families enjoyed a safe, healthy, and memorable season.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to **Joanne Van Deursen**, who has dedicated the past four years to serving as our Secretary-General. Joanne has now moved on to new ventures within the IPA, focusing primarily on her Region. As a result, the National Executive Bureau is seeking a volunteer to assume this important position. In the interim, I will be managing the Secretary-General responsibilities until a successor is appointed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me for details on the role.

This year, Section Canada has continued to grow, modernize, and enhance its presence within the international IPA community. New initiatives in training, wellness, and international engagement are strengthening our contribution to the global mission of the IPA. My sincere thanks go to our regional executives, volunteers, and dedicated members whose ongoing efforts ensure that the IPA remains vibrant, relevant, and responsive in an ever-changing policing landscape.

I am pleased to share that the NEB is currently exploring **digital membership cards**. The Membership Committee will soon roll out the first batch as part of a pilot project, with **Region 5** kindly volunteering to participate.

In addition, I have recently launched an **Instagram account** dedicated to IPA Canada members. This platform will showcase activities and initiatives from national sections around the world. I encourage you to follow the account and stay connected with our global IPA community.

As always, I am optimistic that many of you will consider participating in the **IPA Games** and other international activities offered by national sections worldwide. Please reach out to your Regional Presidents or visit our national website for information on available subsidies to assist with travel and participation. I strongly encourage members to take advantage of these opportunities and proudly represent Section Canada on the international stage.

Our **National Annual General Meeting** was held virtually on October 25, 2025. I extend my sincere thanks to all Regional Presidents who attended, as well as the members of Region 2 who were present in person. I encourage all regions to organize more social events to strengthen member engagement and camaraderie. A more active social calendar not only deepens existing relationships but also offers opportunities to welcome potential new members. Growing our membership depends on each of us promoting the benefits of the IPA—including travel perks through Perkopolis—within our professional networks.

I would also like to highlight the continued efforts of **Gary Walsh**, who remains committed to developing the *Riders of IPA*. This initiative brings together members who ride motorcycles and creates opportunities to participate in local functions. If you are interested in joining, please contact me and I will gladly facilitate an introduction.

Recruitment remains a priority for our Association. Canada currently maintains one of the smallest memberships within the international IPA family. While our geography presents unique challenges, I respectfully encourage all members to support our recruitment efforts by identifying and engaging potential new members in your regions.

This past year, I had the honour of representing IPAC at the **IPA World Congress in Krakow, Poland**, accompanied by Joanne Van Deursen and Karen Frost, who attended as observers. I would also like to acknowledge **Lech Reliszko** of Region 6, who once again attended at his own expense as a visitor. Lech has represented IPAC at numerous World Congresses and continues to be a tremendous ambassador. A summary of the 2025 World Congress will be posted on our national website.

To those members who are resigning their roles, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your dedicated service. To our incoming colleagues, we welcome your leadership, energy, and fresh perspectives. I am currently reviewing and restructuring our organizational chart, including merging certain positions and retiring others. Once finalized, it will be circulated to the general membership.

The continued success of the IPA is rooted in the relationships we build, the trust we uphold, and our shared commitment to a common mission. I encourage all members to continue cultivating these values—transcending borders, embracing diversity, and standing united with our colleagues around the world.

Thank you once again for your engagement and support. I wish you safe travels, continued professional success, and lasting camaraderie in the true spirit of the IPA.

Please enjoy the changing season, the fellowship of your colleagues, and—most importantly—stay safe.

Message du Président à l'intention de l'ensemble des membres Association internationale des policiers – Section Canada

Chères collègues, chers collègues,

L'été est derrière nous, l'automne s'éclipse, et l'hiver pointe déjà à l'horizon. J'espère sincèrement que vous et vos familles avez profité d'une saison agréable, sécuritaire et mémorable.

Avant tout, je tiens à exprimer ma profonde gratitude à **Joanne Van Deursen**, qui a consacré les quatre dernières années à exercer les fonctions de Secrétaire générale de notre Section. Joanne poursuit maintenant de nouveaux engagements au sein de l'AIP, principalement dans sa Région. Par conséquent, le Bureau exécutif national est à la recherche d'un bénévole pour occuper ce poste important. Entre-temps, j'assumerai les responsabilités de Secrétaire général jusqu'à la nomination d'un successeur. Si vous souhaitez offrir votre temps, veuillez me contacter pour obtenir davantage de renseignements.

Cette année, la Section Canada a poursuivi sa croissance et sa modernisation. De nouvelles initiatives en formation, en mieux-être et en engagement international renforcent notre présence au sein de la communauté mondiale de l'AIP. J'exprime ma sincère reconnaissance à nos responsables régionaux, à nos bénévoles et à l'ensemble de nos membres dont les efforts soutenus permettent à l'AIP de demeurer dynamique, pertinente et adaptée à un milieu policier en constante évolution.

Je suis également heureux d'annoncer que le BEN évalue actuellement la possibilité de mettre en place **des cartes de membre numériques**. Le Comité de l'adhésion lancera sous peu un premier lot dans le cadre d'un projet pilote, avec la participation généreuse de la **Région 5**.

De plus, j'ai récemment lancé un **compte Instagram** destiné aux membres de l'AIP Canada. Cette plateforme permettra de partager les activités et les initiatives des autres sections nationales à travers le monde. Je vous encourage vivement à suivre ce compte et à demeurer connecté à notre communauté internationale.

Comme toujours, j'espère que plusieurs d'entre vous envisageront de participer aux **Jeux de l'AIP** ainsi qu'aux nombreuses activités internationales organisées par d'autres sections

nationales. Pour obtenir des renseignements sur les subventions disponibles pour les déplacements et la participation, veuillez contacter les présidents de vos régions ou consulter notre site national. Je vous encourage fortement à profiter de ces occasions pour représenter fièrement la Section Canada sur la scène internationale.

Notre **Assemblée générale annuelle nationale** s'est tenue virtuellement le 25 octobre 2025. Je remercie sincèrement tous les présidents régionaux y ayant participé, ainsi que les membres de la Région 2 présents en personne. J'invite toutes les régions à organiser davantage d'activités sociales afin de renforcer l'engagement et la camaraderie entre les membres. Un calendrier social plus actif favorise non seulement les liens existants, mais offre aussi de belles occasions d'accueillir de nouveaux membres potentiels. Le recrutement repose sur chacun de nous, en mettant de l'avant les avantages de l'AIP, y compris les offres de Perkopolis.

Je souhaite également souligner les efforts soutenus de **Gary Walsh**, qui continue de développer les *Riders of IPA*. Cette initiative rassemble les membres motocyclistes et leur permet de participer à diverses activités locales. Si vous souhaitez vous joindre à ce groupe, contactez-moi et je me ferai un plaisir de vous mettre en relation avec Gary.

Le recrutement demeure une priorité pour notre association. Le Canada compte actuellement l'un des plus petits effectifs au sein de la famille internationale de l'AIP. Bien que notre vaste territoire présente certains défis, j'encourage respectueusement tous les membres à appuyer les efforts de recrutement en identifiant et en approchant des candidats potentiels dans vos régions.

Cette année, j'ai eu l'honneur de représenter l'AIPC au **Congrès mondial de l'AIP à Cracovie, en Pologne**, accompagné de Joanne Van Deursen et de Karen Frost, qui y ont participé à titre d'observatrices. Je tiens également à souligner la présence de **Lech Reliszko**, de la Région 6, qui a une fois de plus assisté au congrès à ses propres frais. Lech a représenté l'AIPC lors de nombreux congrès mondiaux et demeure un véritable ambassadeur de notre Section. Un résumé du Congrès mondial 2025 sera publié prochainement sur notre site national.

Aux membres quittant leurs fonctions, nous exprimons notre profonde reconnaissance pour votre engagement et votre service. Aux nouvelles et nouveaux collègues, nous souhaitons la bienvenue, ainsi que votre leadership, votre énergie et vos perspectives renouvelées. Je procède actuellement à la révision et à la restructuration de notre organigramme national, incluant la fusion ou l'élimination de certains postes. Une fois le tout finalisé, l'organigramme sera transmis à l'ensemble des membres.

Le succès continu de l'AIP repose sur les relations que nous bâtissons, la confiance que nous cultivons et notre engagement partagé envers une mission commune. J'encourage chacun de vous à maintenir et à renforcer ces valeurs — transcender les frontières, embrasser la diversité et demeurer unis avec nos collègues du monde entier.

Je vous remercie encore une fois de votre engagement et de votre soutien. Je vous souhaite des déplacements sécuritaires, la poursuite de vos succès professionnels et une camaraderie durable dans le véritable esprit de l'AIP.

Profitez pleinement du changement de saison, du soutien de vos collègues et, surtout, demeurez prudents.

Nishnawbe Aski Police Services



IPA Canada Section Annual General Meeting

On October 25, IPA Canada held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Toronto (Region 2). The AGM was hosted by National President Lou Agostinho and Secretary General Joanne VanDeurson. The AGM was attended by seventeen members, in person and another fourteen members via electronic means. Aside from the usual reports, there were three resolutions tabled and passed.

Resolution one: Digital Membership Cards

Several IPA sections — including Germany, Austria, and Australia — have successfully transitioned to digital membership cards, streamlining their processes and reducing administrative overhead. Regional membership coordinators across IPA Canada have echoed the need for a similar solution, citing significant time and cost savings. Recognizing these clear benefits, IPA Canada has proactively explored a range of digital options to identify the most efficient, secure, and member-friendly solution for our section. Moving to digital cards is not just a modernization step — it is a strategic improvement that will enhance the membership experience and optimize our internal operations.

Justification

The current annual cost of printing and distributing physical membership cards is approximately \$5,700 CAD (as detailed in the attached presentation). This figure includes the cost of printing card templates, mailing cards twice (first to regional membership coordinators, then to members), and ongoing printer maintenance. It does not account for the future expense of replacing the card printer — an additional cost that is inevitable. In comparison, transitioning to a digital membership card system through Join It would cost approximately \$2,400 CAD per year — representing a substantial cost saving for both the National Office and regional sections. Digital cards would be delivered securely via email and can be conveniently stored in members' Apple or Android wallets, offering a modern, secure, and environmentally friendly solution that simplifies card distribution while enhancing the overall member experience.

By signing a contract with Join It, IPA Canada can reduce annual expenses by roughly \$3,300— funds that can be redirected to enhance member programs and services.

Resolution one was passed.

Resolution two: Extension of 2025 Trial Recruitment Program

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), the attached Resolution submitted by Bill Murrell, was approved. This Resolution is requesting that the program be extended for another year (2026). Offering free membership to new recruits has resulted in 12 new members in the two years Region 6 has been offering free membership. FYI, Region 6 paid the dues for the new members in 2024. Since Region 6 began offering free membership to Ottawa Police recruits, the President of the Ottawa Police Association and the President of the Ottawa Police Senior Officers Association have joined Region 6. It is hoped that by approving this program Region 6 and other regions can expand it to the other municipal/provincial/federal police services.

While Region 6 did not attract as many new recruits as desired, we did attract the two Presidents mentioned above and it is hoped that with their assistance we can attract more new members and build inroads into other municipal police agencies with the assistance two Presidents if this Resolution is approved. I cannot speak to the matter of recruitment in other regions and how successful they were, but I hope they had greater success than Region 6 and they can share their approach to recruiting.

IPAC National Treasury will be required to send 1.50 euros to International for every recruit that joins in 2026.

Resolution two was passed.

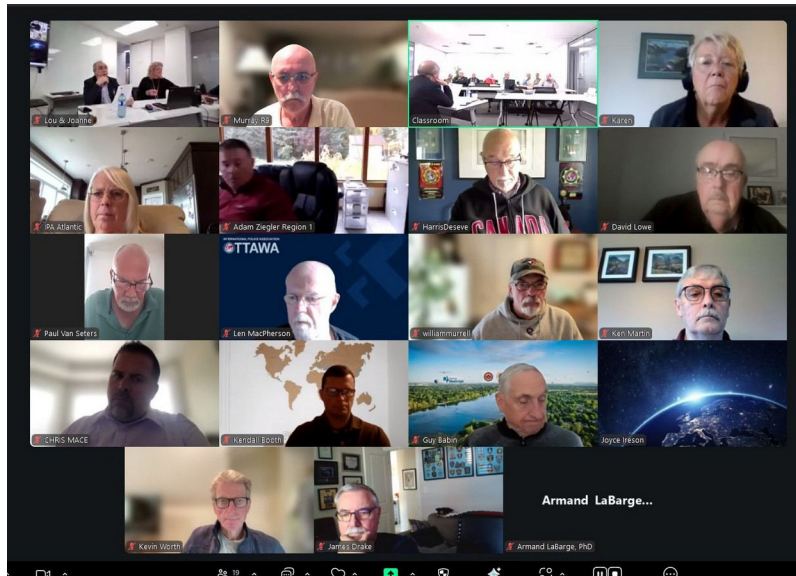
Resolution three: Life membership status to Guy Boismenu

I would like to recognize Guy Boismenu for the 10 years of service to IPA Canada as Card Master. In this role, he supported the entire membership of IPA Canada by printing membership cards. He was very diligent in this role; seldom failing to distribute the membership cards on time. He provided support to the organization through constant maintenance of the card printer. When the printer was reaching the end of life, Guy did a great job of selecting a new printer and obtaining a trade-in discount on the old printer. He worked with the company that created the card templates to minimize the amount of costly ink required to print the entire card. Failure to recognize contributions from long-term volunteers makes it more difficult to find future volunteers. Minimal cost, \$35 per year membership fees to Region 15 approximately \$15.00 a year loss to the IPAC Treasury.

Resolution three was passed.



Members above attended in person while members below attended electronically



National President Lou Agostinho presents our departing Secretary General Joanne Van Deurson with a thank you for her service to the IPA.

As previously mentioned, many reports are tabled at the AGM. These reports are important and can be very pertinent to the general membership, keeping our members advised of various programs that have occurred and are possibly ongoing and of interest to our members (programs for young officers, etc.) It is highly recommended that our members tune in to the AGMs whenever possible. The AGMs will always be available electronically, making attendance very simple.



IPA Montreal – Region 7

Member Pedals to Glory after beating Cancer



Normand Tremblay powered his way to **five gold medals** at the **2025 World Police and Fire Games** in Birmingham, Alabama, held from June 27 to July 6. Competing in the Time Trial, Criterium, Circuit Race, Hill Climb, and Sprint, Tremblay's stunning sweep was more than an

athletic triumph—it was a personal victory for a man who had only recently overcome **prostate cancer**, alongside intensive hormone therapy and radiation treatments.

Now 74 years old, Tremblay credits cycling as a lifeline during his recovery. Since retiring, it has uplifted his spirits and kept his determination sharp. But when asked about the secret to his resilience, he keeps it simple:

“I’m stubborn,” he admitted with a grin. “If you give me a slap in the face, I’ll give you back two.”

Competitor at Heart

Tremblay retired in 1998 after a distinguished career with the Montreal Police Department. During his years in uniform, running was his passion.

“In my old age,” he says proudly, “I ran 60 marathons. My best time was 2 hours and 27 minutes.” Cycling then became his favourite sport. As a member of the Les 3 Sommets cycling club, his calves have already pedalled over 5000 km in 2025.

Un membre de l'IPA-Région 7 de Montréal pédale vers la gloire après avoir vaincu le cancer

Normand Tremblay a remporté cinq médailles d'or aux Jeux mondiaux des policiers et pompiers de 2025 à Birmingham, en Alabama, qui s’est déroulé du 27 juin au 6 juillet. Participant aux épreuves contre la montre, au critérium, à la course sur circuit, à la course de côte et au sprint, Tremblay a remporté une victoire éclatante qui était plus qu'un triomphe sportif : c'était une victoire personnelle pour un homme qui venait de vaincre un cancer de la prostate, grâce à une hormone thérapie intensive et à des traitements par radiothérapie.

Aujourd'hui âgé de 74 ans, Tremblay considère le cyclisme comme une bouée de sauvetage pendant sa convalescence. Depuis qu'il a pris sa retraite, ce sport lui a redonné le moral et lui a permis de rester déterminé. Mais lorsqu'on lui demande le secret de sa résilience, il répond simplement :

« Je suis têtue », admet-il avec un sourire. « Si vous me donnez une gifle, je vous en rendrai deux. »

Un compétiteur dans l'âme

Tremblay a pris sa retraite en 1998 après une brillante carrière au sein du service de police de Montréal. Pendant ses années en uniforme, la course à pied était sa passion.

« Dans ma vieillesse, dit-il fièrement, j'ai couru 60 marathons. Mon meilleur temps était de 2 heures et 27 minutes. » Le cyclisme est alors devenu son sport préféré. En tant que membre du club cycliste Les 3 Sommets, ses mollets ont déjà pédalé plus de 5 000 km en 2025.

Montreal Police Service



Brazil Hosts 2nd Favela On Duty

By James Aguirre (R5)

From September 2nd to the 12th, I was able to attend the 2nd Favela On Duty Event put on by IPA Section Brazil in Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro President (now Brazil Section President) Diogo Deleuze was able to put on an event where IPA members were able to engage with units such as Batalhão de Operações Policiais Especiais (BOPE), Coordenadoria de Recursos Especiais (CORE), and of course the Polícia Rodoviária Federal (PRF or Federal Highway Police) to name a few. All of which are special police units with an incredible reputation in what is one of the most beautiful places in the world.



Members from IPA Brazil, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Canada on the Ilha Grande Hike

Members from IPA Brazil, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Ireland, U.K. and Canada

Week 1

Day one of the event started of course with a big welcome party at the IPA House in Rio, full of cocktails, live entertainment from local dancers, and cultural exchange from all the participants of the course who were just getting to know each other for the first time. During the first week we were able to get a live presentation from Batalhão de Ações com Cães (BAC) a specialized civil police unit which uses K9s to help them search for illegal drugs/contraband on how they train and use their canine companions in Rio. Between police activities and the universal cop/military tradition of “hurry up and wait” we also toured many attractions of Rio such as the Botanical Gardens and a not too distant the famous Ilha Grande. At Ilha Grande we were able to relax on some of the most beautiful beaches in the world and enjoy the best caipirinhas I have ever had.

Once at Ilha Grande our group also made an 8km trek through the rough island terrain to find the remains of the Cândido Mendes Prison, known for housing political prisoners during the 1970s. I can tell you from speaking to our Brazilian colleagues that I am the first IPA Canada member to not only visit the prison but attend the Favela On Duty event. After our hike and tour of the prison we had lunch prepared by one of the old prison guards who still lives on the island.

Week one ended with lots of free time to explore Ilha Grande (below) or Rio on your own so a few of us did a Favela walking tour in the Rocinha Favela. I can tell you that it was quite interesting to see the world inside the Favelas and how some of the inhabitants view the police.

For example, during our tour we saw a group of combat age males holding assault rifles while casually selling cocaine and cannabis on a table in the open. I was also able to see what challenges our police colleagues may face from armed conflict in the way the vertical layout of the favelas is with lots of rooftops and steep staircases; not to mention narrow corridors. Clearing that environment definitely takes skill and specific training. Week one was very tourist or vacation oriented and paved the way for a desire to learn more about how the police operate in this foreign land.

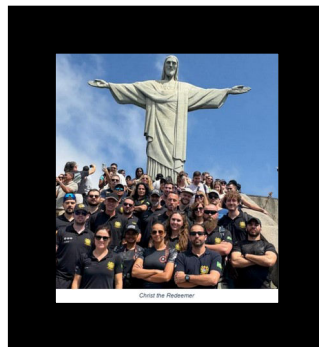


Week Two

This week there were more police focused as we started by visiting the air support branch of CORE. We were surprised with helicopter flights on both a police helicopter and a helicopter from the Rio Health Authority. I of course brought my Calgary Police Service flag to take some obligatory pictures. Our group was also able to take a picture with the helicopter hovering just slightly above us, something that would likely not happen in North America for “safety reasons”,

but this is Brazil! During this week we also visited the Main headquarters for CORE in Rio de Janeiro and got to see the array of armoured vehicles they have, got a presentation to some of the guerilla tactics CORE members get exposed to while patrolling the favelas, and one of my personal highlights of the trip we got to train with CORE in the mock favela shoot house. During this training we got exposed to flashbangs and raid techniques used by CORE members. It was interesting to see the challenges they face from vertical threats such as rooftops and windows.

We carried on with the week by touring a seized property facility where over 60,000 seized firearms meant for destruction were held within the 5-story building. This emphasized the prevalence of gun related interactions police in Rio had with offenders, especially when compared to a relatively safe country like Canada. We of course also made time to see one of the 7 world wonders, Christ the Redeemer! Personally, one of the marvels that I always wanted to see but never really thought I would be able to; and thanks to this trip I was able to check both that and training with the police in Brazil off my bucket list. On the same day we also made a visit to another must see attraction of Rio, the Escadaria Selaron, the famous tile staircase. Between all these adventures we also benefitted from visiting an authentic Brazilian Steakhouse (or is it just a “steakhouse” there?) with the best food and more chicken, beef, veal, and pork than you can imagine.



Our final days ended with a visit to Skull Palace the HQ for BOPE, famous military police unit and perhaps one of the deadliest special forces/units for police operations in the world. While this was a short visit simply entering the compound, which reads “No sudden movements” upon entering and being present while the armed guards yell “War” or “Skull” in Portuguese as their colleagues enter or leave the premises made sure you w they meant business. Perhaps another one of my highlights was the visit to PRF Headquarters where a few of us were able to meet members of the Motociclismo Unit.

Of course, as a fellow traffic officer myself I had to see what motorcycles and what tactics the traffic cops in Brazil were using. I was impressed to see they were primary using BMWs and Triumph bikes for their duties; these bikes in my opinion are far better suited for operational police duties compared to the heavy and slow Harley Davidson's we use here in Calgary. Harley's look nice, but they are not good police bikes. I was happy to be able to swap stories and trade patches with the golden helmets of PRF. Of note we were also able to see some of the vehicles used by PRF in favela raids which had bullet proof windows, reinforced engine guards, bullet proof doors, and sliding hatches from which to fire their rifles. This once again reinforced the notion that the war on crime in the Favelas is quite contrast to the crime we deal with in Canada. I could go on, but overall, I had a great time in Brazil and with our police colleagues there. I would recommend this program to anyone in Canada (especially active members) that are interested in going so much so that our group are already talking about doing a reunion in 5yrs. If anyone is curious about hearing more please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email at ipar5membership@gmail.com or my work at email pol5586@calgarypo.ice.ca . Thats all for now.



Wonderful visit to the Bell Centre

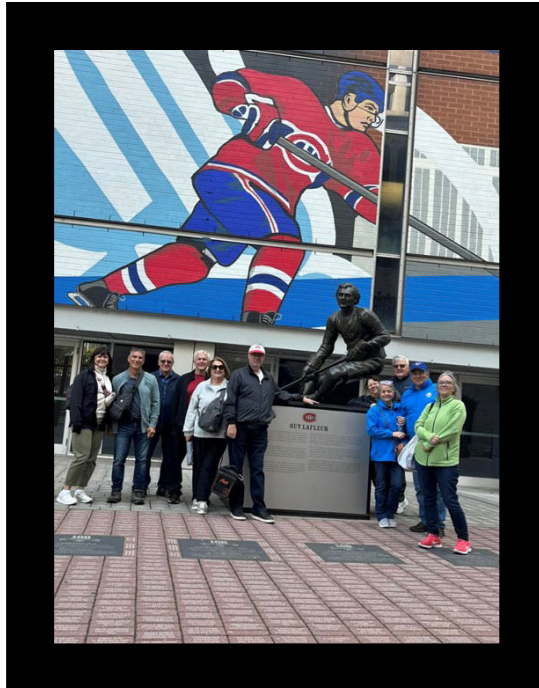
Richard Lapierre of R7 led a group from R7 with colleagues from Region 16 for an hour and a half visit to the Bell Centre where we had the privilege of exploring the iconic and strategic areas

of this legendary venue. From the floor to the private suites, including the Montreal Canadiens' locker rooms, every corner was presented to us with passion and precision.

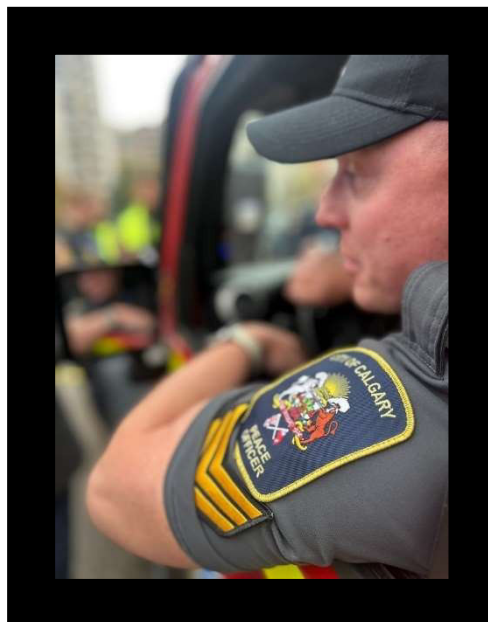
We discovered the technical facilities, media zones, and behind-the-scenes of event production. It was a great opportunity to better understand the logistics behind major shows and games, while admiring the impressive architecture of the Centre. A moment of sharing, curiosity, and regional pride. Thank you to the organizers for this exclusive immersion, and to our colleagues from Region 16 for their enthusiasm and warm presence.

Superbe visite du Centre Bell hier en compagnie de nos confrères de la Région 16 ! Pendant une heure et demie, nous avons eu le privilège d'explorer les lieux emblématiques et stratégiques de cette enceinte mythique. Du parterre aux loges privées, en passant par les vestiaires des Canadiens de Montréal, chaque recoin nous a été présenté avec passion et précision. Nous avons découvert les installations techniques, les zones réservées aux médias, ainsi que les coulisses de la production événementielle. Ce fut l'occasion de mieux comprendre la logistique derrière les grands spectacles et matchs, tout en admirant l'architecture impressionnante du Centre. Un moment de partage, de curiosité et de fierté régionale. Merci aux organisateurs pour cette immersion exclusive, et à nos collègues de la Région 16 pour leur enthousiasme et leur présence chaleureuse.





YOUNG POLICE OFFICER's SEMINAR (YPOS) 2025 ROMANIA DELEGATE REPORT



Acknowledgments

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to:

- 1) IPA Romania for hosting the 2025 YPOS event which welcomed more than 40 sworn officers from around the world. The professionalism, hospitality and organization demonstrated by IPA Romania made this seminar an outstanding experience.
- 2) IPA Canada for selecting and supporting me as a delegate, allowing me to represent IPA Canada on the international stage.
- 3) Calgary Emergency Management and Community Safety (EMCS) -Specialty Operations Traffic Safety Team, including my Sergeants, Inspector and management team, for authorizing and supporting my participation in Romania. Their encouragement allowed me to proudly represent the City of Calgary, Alberta and Canada.
- 4) Corporal Alex Zaganas of the RCMP from Surrey, B.C. who was a wealth of knowledge for me, a professional contact and a new friend whom I met through the YPOS in Romania.

Delegate Introduction

My name is Laurie Cook, acting Sergeant with the Specialty Operations Traffic Safety Team, Calgary Emergency Management and Community Safety, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Skills, Training and Authorities:

- 1) Use of force instructor
- 2) Emergency vehicle Operations and Response
- 3) Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA) certified
- 4) Enforcement under the Alberta Traffic Safety Act
- 5) Authority to enforce offenses under the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, Calgary Municipal Bylaws and Trespass to Premises Act.
- 6) Authority to arrest individuals with outstanding criminal or provincial warrants

My team conducts city-wide traffic enforcement and joint operations with the Calgary Police Service (CPS), Alberta Sheriffs and various Peace Officer organizations. Operational duties I have participated in include:

- 1) Joint investigations into suspicious automotive businesses

- 2) Vehicle seizures relating to equipment and regulatory violations
- 3) Integrated security for large scale events such as the G7 and the World Petroleum Conference.
- 4) Part of arrest teams for undercover operations targeting illicit drug activity.



Above – Laurie Cook at work

Region 16 – Sunny Portugal Tour (Oct. 23rd / Nov. 3rd)

Portugal has recently received several accolades, including being voted “Best Destination in Europe” for 2025, underscoring its widespread appeal. Popular destinations such as Lisbon, Porto, Evora, Lagos, Sintra, the Algarve, and Madeira continue to attract visitors from around the world. This year, Region 16 organized a tour for its members. On October 23rd, forty-one

members and their spouses traveled together to explore Portugal's historic cities, beautiful beaches, and famous wine regions.

During the tour, the Atlantic Canada contingent was invited by the Portuguese Section to visit its National Headquarters in Lisbon. On October 24th, a delegation of 20 members from Atlantic Canada was warmly welcomed by Vice-President Francisco Ferreira and Travel Secretary Ernesto Mesquita, who shared highlights of the Section's history and heritage. This visit fostered cordial relations and strengthened bilateral ties.

The reception featured a Port Wine Toast, encouraging meaningful dialogue and reinforcing institutional connections. Region 16 members praised the hospitality and were honored to sign the Book of Honor. The event concluded with the customary exchange of gifts and group photographs. (See below)





Region 15, Montérégie

FRIENDLY BREAKFAST

17 September 2025

For the friendly Breakfast gathering on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 in region 15, there were 14 people present at Restaurant RESTO BAR GRILL, 7850, Boul. Taschereau Brossard, Quebec. The regulars were there, but this time the president was there, and the atmosphere was as usual. The board met at the same restaurant around 11:00 a.m. to discuss important issues in our region and upcoming activities.

PETIT-DÉJEUNER AMICAL

17 septembre 2025

Pour la rencontre du petit-déjeuner amical du mercredi 17 septembre 2025 de la région 15, il y avait la présence de 14 personnes qui se sont présentées au Restaurant RESTO BAR GRILL, 7850, Boul. Taschereau Brossard, Québec. Ce sont les habitués qui y étaient, mais cette fois-ci,

le président y était et l'ambiance était comme habitude. Le CA s'est rencontré au même restaurant vers 11h00 afin de discuter des sujets importants de notre région et des activités à venir.

FRIENDLY BREAKFAST

14 October 2025

For the special breakfast get together on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in Region 15, nine people attended the BEN & FLORENTINE Restaurant, 534 Bd Cadieux, Local 110, Beauharnois, Quebec. The members from Montérégie West were present, along with the president.

PETIT-DÉJEUNER AMICAL

14 octobre 2025

Pour la rencontre du petit-déjeuner spécial du mardi 14 octobre 2025 de la région 15, il y avait la présence de 9 personnes qui se sont présentées au Restaurant BEN & FLORENTINE, 534 Bd Cadieux Local 110, Beauharnois, Québec. Ce sont les membres de la Montérégie ouest qui y étaient, ainsi que le président.



PRESIDENT'S DINNER 2025 WITH CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

November 7, 2025

On November 7th 2025, 42 members of Region 15 (Montérégie) gathered at the Casa Grecque Restaurant in Brossard QC for the annual President's dinner.

This event was planned to honour many founding members of Region 15, still active since 2000, when the process for our Region to become part of IPA Canada was initiated.

Certificates of Merit were presented to those members in attendance in order to recognize their efforts and fidelity to our Association.

Our guest speaker, also a member, Tony D'Angelo gave us an overview of his many trips abroad via IPA. Tony explained how IPA across the world can be so very helpful to traveling members. A special thank you goes out to Tony and the organizing committee for this great event.

SOUPER DU PRÉSIDENT 2025 AVEC AND CERTIFICATS DE MÉRITE

7 novembre 2025

Le 7 novembre 2025, lors du souper annuel du président, 42 membres de la région 15 (Montérégie) participaient à cet événement au restaurant Casa Grecque de Brossard, QC.

Ce souper fut en fait une soirée de reconnaissance pour plusieurs membres fondateurs de notre région. En fait les démarches pour créer la région 15 ont débutées en 2000 avec la coopération de plusieurs membres dont ceux honorés ce soir.

Des certificats de mérite furent émis à ces derniers (ères) afin de souligner leur fidélité continue à la cause IPA chez nous.

Notre conférencier et membre Tony D'Angelo a présenté les beaux voyages qu'il a fait via IPA à travers le monde, il a ainsi expliqué à l'audience les bénéfices de notre association qui offre de belles expériences dans plusieurs pays membres.

Merci à Tony et au comité organisateur pour cette belle soirée.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

November 20, 2025

On Thursday, November 20, 2025, the Annual General Meeting of Region 15 IPA Montérégie was held at Branch 94 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Greenfield Park, following a spaghetti supper prepared by the women's auxiliaries. Approximately thirty members were in attendance. Christian Parent was re-elected Vice-President and Robert Chrétien was elected Secretary.

Here are several photos taken at this event and many more will be added soon. Please check back in a few days.

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE 2025

20 novembre 2025

Le jeudi 20 novembre 2025, l'assemblée générale annuelle de la Région 15 IPA Montérégie s'est tenue à la filiale 94 de la Légion royale canadienne, Greenfield Park, après un souper de spaghettis préparé par les auxiliaires féminines. Une trentaine de membres étaient présents. Christian Parent a été réélu vice-président et Robert Chrétien a été élu secrétaire.

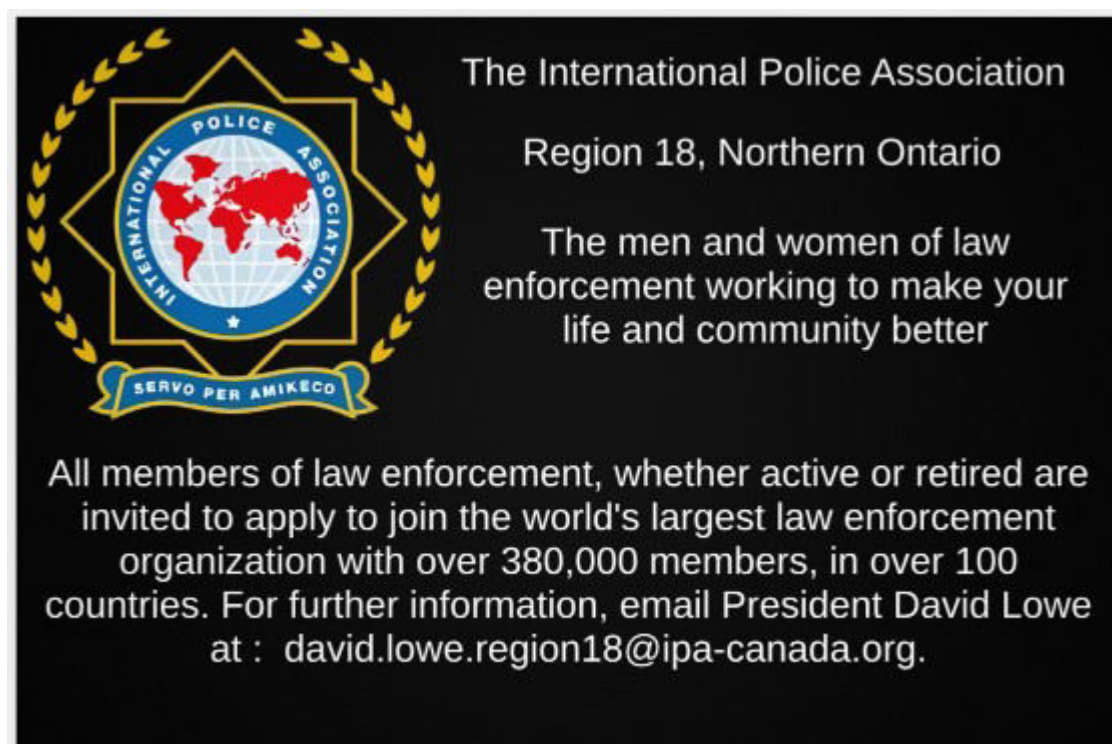
Plusieurs photos prises lors de cet événement sont ici et plusieurs autres photos seront ajoutées prochainement. Veuillez revenir voir dans quelques jours.



On May 8th, the 15 IPA Montréal region will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Sandman Montreal-Longueuil hotel with an orchestra and a ceremonial ball.

Le 8 mai prochain, la région 15 IPA Montréal célébrera son 25ième anniversaire de sa fondation à l'hôtel Sandman Montréal-Longueuil avec orchestre et un bal cérémonial.

Region 18 has produced the postcard below in aid of recruitment. It is simple to design and totally useable by any region interested. They were ordered from VistaPrint and cost \$40 approximately for 250 cards. They are great handouts. Any region interested in obtaining some for your region, let me know. I can send you a copy which you can then upload to VistaPrint, edit it online and order them. VistaPrint is very “user-friendly”



Newsletter Article Submission Contest

As you all may recall, I have been running a little contest of sorts to encourage members across Canada to submit articles for the quarterly newsletter, The National RoundUp. It has been very successful, and I wish to thank everyone who participated. I would encourage everyone to continue sending in your articles as they have certainly made for a very enjoyable newsletter, according to the many compliments received. Those of you who have not participated, I encourage you to try it. You would be surprised at how interesting your article can be to other members,

So, the prize for this contest is a two week stay at the private villa belonging to one of our generous members, Darcy Griffith of R18.

The winner will request the time he or she wants, and, depending on its availability, Darcy will advise you whether your dates are available for your stay. As stated previously, the prize is the accomodation only. The winner will be responsible for his or her own airfare to Mexico, transfers to and from the airport and all personal items including but not limited to food, drink and insurance.

Everyone who submitted an article or more has been assigned a number. The National President, with no knowledge of what name goes with what number, was asked to pick a number between one and ten (as we had ten different members submitting articles) and he picked number eight. Number eight is the winner of the two weeks stay weeks stay in Mexico. Hier name is Beverley Bryant of R 16



Congratulations, Beverley Bryant!

Region 18 North East section Christmas Dinner



Region 18 held its Northeastern Section Christmas Dinner at Ali's, a beautiful restaurant in New Liskeard, Ontario.

Back row from left to right: Adam Brock; David Lowe; Darcy Griffith, Hank Moorlag

Front row from left to right: Erin. Brock, Sandra Lowe, Kelly Griffith, Sue Cavanaugh