



# ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

## Essex County Auxiliary Program

Community Safety Services



VOLUNTEERS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY



**AUXILIARY**





## Auxiliary Program Mission Statement

- Mission Statement: “To provide fully trained Auxiliary members to assist in the delivery of traffic safety and Community-based crime prevention initiatives; and to perform police duties only in special circumstances, including an emergency that the police officers of the OPP are not sufficiently numerous to deal with.”
- Creating a partnership means recognizing, developing and delegating roles to the volunteer Auxiliary members. Creating community initiatives that are clearly defined, meaningful and are realistically workable without jeopardizing the safety and integrity of the professional member. The Auxiliary Fraud Prevention Initiative is an example of a community based crime prevention initiative. It was developed by Community Safety Services in partnership with the Serious Fraud Office to address fraud victimization in our communities.







## Auxiliary Program Commitment

### OPP Auxiliary Commitment:

- This is a volunteer position and is unpaid
- All applicants must successfully complete an eight (8) day Auxiliary Recruit Training Course
- As an Auxiliary member, you must commit ten (10) hours on patrol, as well as six (6) hours in training per month
- Auxiliary recruits are encouraged to participate in Fitness PIN testing during their recruit orientation. This portion is not a pass or fail in order to graduate from training, however to receive the Fitness PIN recruits must achieve a minimum score of 75%.





## Auxiliary Program Eligibility

- To be eligible to become an OPP Auxiliary member, you must meet the following qualifications:
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or its equivalent (i.e. grade 12 from any province of Canada). Candidates who do not have a grade 12 diploma, but have completed a college diploma program or a university degree program will be considered as having a grade 12 diploma. Applicants educated outside Canada should refer to the [Government of Canada - Education Assessment Resources](#)
- Class 'G' driver's license with full driving privileges and no more than 6 demerit points
- No criminal record for which a records suspension (pardon) has not been received or an absolute/conditional discharge that has not been sealed
- Fluency in English
- Certified in Standard First-Aid and CPR (level "C")
- Pass Medical, Psychological, Security, and Financial Assessments and a detailed Character Investigation





## What is the OPP Auxiliary Program?

- A group of dedicated, civilian volunteers from many diverse backgrounds, industries and professions who bring a wealth of skilled talent to the organization.
- Members who work with OPP officers to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.
- Auxiliary Program is administered by Community Safety Services
- 1024 authorized positions, 50+ units, including the newly created Sioux Lookout Unit, and Pikangikum Unit.





## How does the Auxiliary Program work?

- OPP Auxiliary Program is legislated under the Police Service Act
- Auxiliary Program mirrors the OPP in structure and chain of command up to Regional Inspector level .
- Each region has an Auxiliary Regional Director, each Regional Director has a 2 I/C.
- 551 active members,
- 75% male, 25% female





## Programs OPP Auxiliary support:

- Lock it or Lose It
- Safeguard Ontario
- Fraud Prevention
- RIDE Programs





## **Unique Opportunities for Auxiliary members;**

- Bike operators,
- ATV operators,
- First Aid instructors,
- Safeguard instructors, and,
- members trained in MSU Familiarization.







## Auxiliary Program 2022 in Review

- 97,000 Volunteer hours served across the province
- 480 hours across 114 days for food drives across the province
- 40 plus Serious Fraud Presentations with a total audience of over 1,000 pp
- Since 2012, Auxiliary members have volunteered over 1.4 million hours
- 2022 welcomed 83 new members to the Auxiliary Program
- 22 Auxiliary members accepted frontline OPP Constable positions in 2022
- 10 Auxiliary members accepted frontline Constable positions with another police service in 2022
- 22 Auxiliary members retired from the program in 2022





## Auxiliary Classes 2023

- In 2023, the OPP Auxiliary Program will host four auxiliary classes of 24 participants;
- The first class was held in April, and the remaining three classes will be held in July, August and November;
- This will bring a total of 96 new Auxiliary members in 2023.





## OPP Orders

- Auxiliary members shall not be used to replace regular members but rather their activities should enhance community policing efforts, crime prevention and public service (as opposed to direct police service delivery)
- Auxiliary Constables are deployed through the Detachment Commander or designate who first conducts a risk assessment and takes into consideration currently known local security concerns; provincial climate; and using risk mitigation strategies ensuring safety and appropriate supervision in consideration of the event dynamics.
- Most often **Direct Supervision** is required where a regular member accompanies the auxiliary member.





## OPP Orders (Continued)

- There are times where there is a low degree of risk and **Indirect Supervision** is permitted. This requires having a regular member accessible at all times to the auxiliary member by way of radio, cell phone or other form of communication.
- Auxiliary members **may** be indirectly supervised at planned community events, while attending training and while performing crime prevention initiatives.

