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the history of the Ontario
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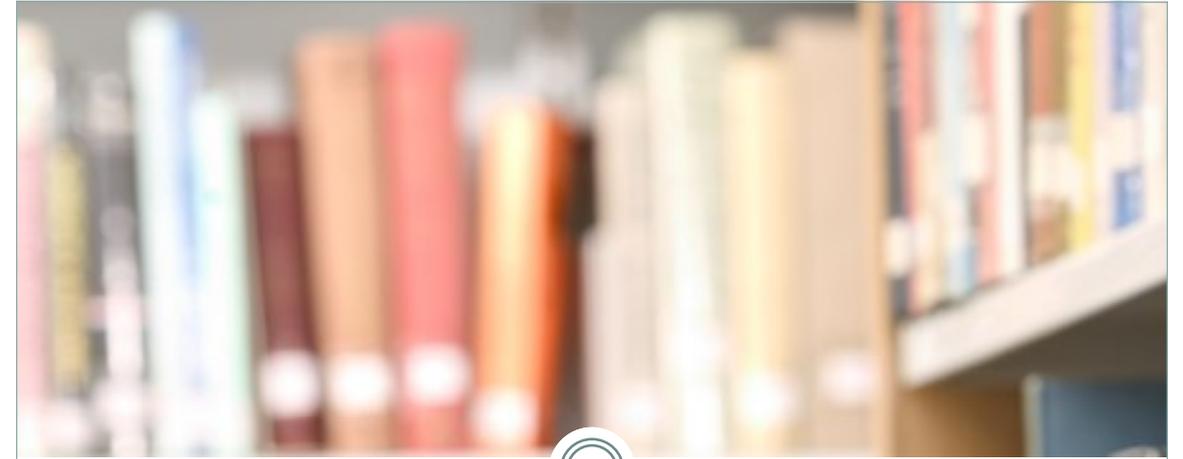


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2017 Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award Winner | Kate Lines

The Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award was established in 2014 to recognize the efforts of authors and researchers whose work builds a greater understanding of the contributions of the men and women of the Ontario Provincial Police to the province of Ontario, and the policing profession.



CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT (RETIRED)
KATE LINES



Heritage Award

Kate Lines is the 2017 recipient of the Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award. In her popular and engaging autobiography ***Crime Seen—From Patrol Cop to Profiler, My Stories from Behind the Yellow Tape***, Lines recounts her fascinating and ground-breaking career with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Early Career

How does a farm girl from Ennismore enter a male-dominated field and become a top criminal profiler and groundbreaking leader?

For Kate Lines, it started humbly, patrolling Ontario's highways in the late 1970s as a Provincial Constable. Lines learned quickly that the best way to thrive was to keep calm, carry on and never lose her sense of humour.

In what would be the first of many dramatic turns in her career, Kate opted to trade in her uniform for a tight miniskirt and a leather jacket, becoming one of the OPP's first female undercover officers.

Opportunity

In 1990 came the opportunity of a lifetime: to be chosen as the second ever Canadian to join an elite program at the FBI's National Academy at Quantico, Virginia in what was then the emerging field of criminal profiling. After 10 months of an intensive education in the intricacies of violent crime, Kate's new skills made her much in demand back home. Over the years she was involved in a number of high-profile cases, such as the abduction and murder of Kristen French and of Tori Stafford and the disappearance of Michael Dunahee.

Leadership

Kate was an early proponent of ViCLAS--the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System, and when she took charge of the new Behavioural Sciences Section at GHQ in Orillia, she turned the department into a hub of innovation.

Kate was awarded a Governor General's medal for being in the top one tenth of one percent of the members of police services that year. The following year the Canadian Police Leadership Foundation named her Police Leader of the Year.

Always taking care not to aggrandize in any way the criminals whose names we may know all too well, Kate feels it's much more important to focus on the courage of victims and their families. Kate is an unsung, groundbreaking Canadian woman, one of a kind in this country, with a unique, inspiring and fascinating story to share.