

Deputy Chief Charles Bordeleau
Emergency Operations, Ottawa Police Services

September 3, 2010

Dear Mr. Bordeleau,

The Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW) would like to congratulate you on your new position of Deputy Chief within the Ottawa Police Services (OPS).

OCTEVAW is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to ending violence against women and, through leadership, education, advocacy and political action, to promoting a coordinated response to women and their children who have experienced abuse. Our members include counselling agencies, community resource and health centres, women's centres and shelters, victim services, child protection services, hospital and police representatives, the crown, academic researchers and other concerned community members. OCTEVAW has three Standing Committees that focus on specific issues related to violence against women. Our Justice Committee is made up of various criminal justice partners and we have collaborated for more than 20 years to ensure that our broad network of services work together for the best interests of women and their children.

On Tuesday, August 31, 2010, I was pleased to hear your interview with Alan Neal on *All in a Day*, CBC Radio One. OCTEVAW has corresponded with your predecessor Sue O'Sullivan over the years and most recently with regards to the Stakeholder Engagement – Coordinated Victim Assistance Project (CVAP) for the City of Ottawa (letter enclosed). She also attended our recent public vigil and press conference on June 30th, 2010 at the Human Right's Monument. We hope to continue the relationship with you, as visits to homes because of woman abuse and assault is one of the highest emergency interventions that patrol officers make in our city. We trust that this will be an area where you focus your work.

On October 5, 2010, Superintendent Mike Flanagan is scheduled to meet with our Justice Committee to speak about the new OPS Business Plan and how it relates to women. I would like to invite you to another meeting (always the first Tuesday of every month 2-4pm) to introduce yourself and to allow OCTEVAW to update you on our plans and projects for 2011.

Meet and greets are always wonderful opportunities to build worthwhile relationships. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Erin Williams
Executive Director, OCTEVAW