



**Ottawa Coalition to End  
Violence Against Women**

**Coalition d'Ottawa contre la  
violence faite aux femmes**

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Re: OCTEVAW's thanks the Ottawa Police Services (OPS) for their article "Domestic violence: A hidden story" featured in their 2008 Activity Report

To Mr. Colotelo and Mr. Jupp,

OCTEVAW would like to thank you for the inclusion of violence against women in the OPS 2008 Activity Report. This article served as an opportunity to educate and sensitize the public about the extent of woman abuse in our city. It is also important that the Ottawa community is aware of the scope and procedural process of police involvement through the Partner Assault and Victim Crisis Units.

As was mentioned, the police, along with other members of the justice system, have been involved with our coalition over the years to coordinate service and initiate change. We should all be proud of this collaboration that has and will continue to produce effective and measurable results for women and children in our community.

Following from our research project funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and together with data collected from the police and other community agencies, OCTEVAW intends to release our report by early May 2009. This will pull together relevant and more detailed data from 2007-2008 on the state of violence against women in our capital city.

Your article is timely as May marks Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Sexual abuse is one of the many types of abuse that can occur within intimate relationships, yet it remains the least reported to police. To quote Chief Vern White, "Everyone has a role to play in ending violence against women."

Sincerely,

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