

Parade Orders

Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Parliament Hill

Sunday September 24, 2023 @ 1100hrs

OVERVIEW

The Parade will muster on Wellington Street near the corner of Kent Street in front of the Supreme Court beginning at 0900hrs. Participants shall be mustered in their respective columns by 1000hrs. Step-off will be 1020hrs. The Service will commence at 1100hrs and conclude at 1200hrs with a March-Past of the headdress of fallen officers.

Parade Commanders

A/S/Sergeant Sebastien Paradis will call the Parade to Attention at 1020hrs and give the order to STEP-OFF. He will also be mic'd up on Parliament Hill and provide word of command throughout the service.

Parade Marshalls and Auxiliaries

Parade Marshalls will be identified with red arm bands reading: "**Parade Marshall**". The Marshalls will be located at the intersection of Wellington and Kent starting at 0900hrs to provide direction and assist with the formation of columns. Marshalls and Auxiliaries will be assigned to each column to facilitate the arrival of columns on the front lawn of Parliament Hill and to help guide the columns upon egress and dismissal.

Parade

The Parade will muster between 0900hrs and 1000hrs on Wellington Street in front of the Supreme Court. The Parade will form up in five (5) columns, ranks of four (4).

1. Column A - Honourary Column: Ottawa Police, Toronto, South Simcoe, RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police, Edmonton, Surete du Quebec
2. Column B: Federal Agencies (RCMP, Correctional Service Canada, CBSA, Military Police, Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans)
3. Column C: Provincial Agencies (OPP, Surete du Quebec, Provincial and/or Territorial Correctional Services, etc)
4. Column D: Municipal/Regional Agencies A-L
5. Column E: Municipal/Regional Agencies M-Z, and International Agencies

Units will form up in ranks of four within their assigned columns. Senior Officers and Unit Commanders positioned in front of their respective Service/Agency with their respective flags/Colours. All columns will be at close order, elbow dress prior to Step-Off.

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Each column will be led by a Pipe Band and will follow their assigned band onto the front lawn of Parliament Hill.

Parade Route

The Parade will move east on Wellington:

- Left wheel on Mackenzie Drive (Bank Street extension at Confederation Building)
- Right wheel on South Drive leading up to West Block
- Left wheel on West Drive
- Right wheel onto the front lawn of Parliament Hill

Unit Commanders will order their respective Service/Agency to Halt and Left Turn to face Centre Block.

The Service will be conducted on the front lawn followed by a March-Past the headdress of the fallen officers. The columns will follow the direction of Parade Marshalls for egress and dismissal.

Motorcycle Squads

Motorcycle squads will form up ahead of the marching contingents on Wellington between Bank and Kent Streets. Upon the word of command to step-off, the motorcycle squads will lead the parade onto Parliament Hill from Wellington.

The motorcycles will process east across the South Drive and exit back onto Wellington via the East/Elgin Gate.

An Honourary Motorcycle Squad made up of the Toronto Police Service Motor Squad will remain on the Hill, staged in front of East Block for the duration of the service.

The Toronto Police Service Motor Squad will lead the March Past of Headdress ahead of the marching columns at the conclusion of the service.

Pipe Bands

Pipe Bands will form up on the Kent Street extension, north of Wellington Street. Each band will be assigned a column to lead onto the front lawn of Parliament Hill. Each band will continue east on the lawn to form a Massed Band in front of East Block.

Order of Dress

Participants shall wear the Order of Dress dictated by their organization. Headdress will remain **ON** for the entire Service.

Pillows and Hats

The Memorial will provide pillows for the service. Hats are to be provided by the organization of the officers being honoured.

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Parking

There is limited parking available around the Supreme Court and behind the Justice and Confederation Buildings. Alternatively, there is street parking in the areas off Wellington Street. There is no parking on Wellington Street.

Note: Street closures around the parade route, provided by OPS, will commence at 0830hrs. Roads will re-open once the Parade in on the front lawn.

Administration

The administration for the Parade and Service is under the authority of the Memorial Service Committee.

Notes:

1. The Service will take place on Parliament Hill "rain or shine". Please have appropriate dress.
2. The composition and formation of the columns is subject to change based on the number of participants. This can only be determined at the mustering point.
3. Security for the event is provided by both the Ottawa Police Service and Parliamentary Protective Service.
4. Water will be provided at the mustering point and on the front lawn.
5. Ottawa Ambulance will be staged on the west side of the Hill in front of the welcome centre. Unit/contingent commanders are to keep an eye on their troops and hail a Marshal or Auxiliary for any assistance.
6. In the event of an emergency, please follow the direction of the Master of Ceremony, the Marshalls and members of Parliamentary Protective Services.
7. Guests of Parade Participants are required to enter Parliament Hill via the Queen's Gates and may be subject to screening. Please provide ample time for arrival.

Minister's Reception

A private reception for the families of the officers being honoured this year will be hosted by the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs inside a room in West Block immediately following the service.

Access will be restricted to those families by invitation and no one else.

They are our heroes, we shall not forget them.