

100
YEARS

of Women Policing in Ontario

1913-2013 A Snapshot in Time



Swearing in ceremony of Dolores Eitel, Irene Gland, and Helen Toth with Chief Leonard Lawrence - Hamilton, 1958

This project is a snapshot in time. History has shown that women in policing were not tracked by Statistics Canada until 1986. And, as more and more police women are retiring, so do their stories. The timeline commemorates not only the 100th Anniversary of Women in Policing in the Province of Ontario, but also the women who have been identified as pioneers in their respective services.

In 2012 all Police Services in the Province of Ontario were approached and asked to identify women "firsts" in their organization. There were no set requirements and suggestions were given of first female hire, first female promoted, or first female in a specialty unit. Some services are rich in history, while others are a product of mass amalgamation that took place in 1974 absorbing the past and starting anew. The intent of this project was always to be a snapshot in time; 100 years to be exact. Part two of this project will be the development of an electronic library. A living document that can be updated once new information is provided.

If you are interested in being a part of the electronic library, or know someone who's information should be captured, or are aware of any corrections to the snapshot in time timeline, please contact the Herstorian and corrections will be made to the Electronic copy available on the website and included in the electronic library project: Herstorian@owle.org.

