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Statement from the Ottawa Police Service Board on Recent Reports of Misconduct Involving Members of the Ottawa Police Service

Board requests public update from the Service at June 22 meeting

On May 25, 2026, the Ottawa Police Service Board held a special in camera meeting to discuss with Chief Stubbs and members of his Executive Command the seriousness of recent reports involving gender-based misconduct, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and harm connected to members of the Ottawa Police Service.

The Board made it clear that sexual harassment, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and gender-based misconduct are unacceptable and have profound impacts on survivors, workplaces, and communities. The Board remains firmly committed to supporting Chief Stubbs in ensuring a safe, respectful, and accountable policing environment for all.

The recent reports of misconduct are distinct matters that must proceed through their own established accountability processes. Depending on the circumstances, those processes may include independent criminal investigations, statutory oversight bodies, or internal workplace and professional conduct mechanisms. The Board does not direct or interfere in individual cases; our role is to ensure strong, trauma-informed systems, clear expectations, and effective oversight are in place and working as intended.

The Board discussed the seriousness of these matters with Chief Eric Stubbs and the Executive Team and supports his recent actions and his commitment to bringing forward a public update on how the Ottawa Police Service is addressing gender-based misconduct, sexual violence, and related workplace and organizational issues at the Board's next regular meeting on June 22, 2026. This update will include steps being taken to strengthen prevention, reporting, accountability, member support, workplace culture, and public trust. Board Members will have an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

Community members and organizations wishing to share perspectives that can help inform the Board's oversight are welcome to do so through [the delegation process](#).

Experiences of sexual harassment, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, or abuse of power cause serious harm. The Board recognizes that coming forward can be difficult, and that the decision to do so belongs to those affected. We encourage anyone affected to seek support and to report concerns and incidents to the appropriate authorities if or when they feel able to do so. Support is available regardless of whether someone chooses to report.

For anyone affected, complaint pathways, support and crisis resources are available through Ottawa Police, provincial oversight authorities, and community organizations, including:

Immediate support and crisis services

- [Distress Centre for Ottawa and Region](#)
Distress: 613-238-3311
Crisis: 613-722-6914 or 1-866-996-0991
Text: 343-306-5550 (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)
- [Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre](#)
Crisis line: 613-562-2333
- [The Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa](#)
24/7 confidential support: 613-234-2266

Health and clinical supports

- [The Ottawa Hospital Sexual Assault and Partner Abuse Care Program](#)
613-798-5555 ext. 13770
sa_dv@toh.ca
- [CHEO Sexual Assault/Abuse Care Program](#)
613-737-7600 ext. 2939
- [University of Ottawa Health Centre](#)
- [Ottawa Public Health Sexual Health Clinic](#)
- [Health Connect Ontario](#)

Police and practical supports

- [Sexual Assault Survivor Guide](#)
- [Ottawa Police Victim Support Unit](#)

Online safety and child protection

- [Cybertip.ca](#) (child sexual abuse reporting and support)

Complaint pathways

- [Law Enforcement Complaints Agency](#) (LECA) — for complaints involving police officers of the Ottawa Police Service Online: leca.on.ca | Phone: 1-877-411-4773
- [Ottawa Police Service Professional Standards Unit](#) — for complaints involving civilian members of the Ottawa Police Service, including Special Constables
Phone: 613-236-1222 ext. 5420

Ottawa Police Service Board Meeting

June 22, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

Champlain Room, Ottawa City Hall and online via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84761806570>

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