

What the Members are Saying...

“The OPVTA is an invaluable resource to Police Services of Ontario and the Ontario Police College. The materials provided in support of police training in Ontario are extremely professional and of exceptional quality. The partnership that has evolved through this alliance has been instrumental in ensuring Ontario police officers are provided with the best training materials available anywhere. The Ontario Police College is extremely proud of its partnership with the OPVTA, and looks forward to working with its members on future projects.”

- *Rudy Gheysen, Director, Ontario Police College*

“Our membership in the OPVTA has proven to be very beneficial to all members of the service. The topics are very relevant and my members are very complimentary of the contents and production quality.”

- *Chief of Police Terry McLaren, Peterborough-Lakefield Community Police Service*

“For the last year and a half, the Mental Health Law Education Project has enjoyed the cooperation of health and policing professionals from across the province. I must say however, that the OPVTA stands out for its ability to deliver an outstanding product and get it into the hands of its members across the province. Let there be no doubt about it, this production (Section 17 – MHA) will save lives. As a citizen of this province, I take confidence in the fact that the OPVTA exists as an important tool to improve the professionalism and knowledge of police officers. As a taxpayer, I am profoundly impressed with the OPVTA’s ability to deliver such a high quality product to such a large audience in so cost-effective a manner.”

- *Michael Bay, Chair & CEO, Consent and Capacity Board*

“We continue to be pleased with the quality and work that goes into the production and content. These are well received by the members of our police service and continue to be an integral part of our in-service training.”

- *Chief of Police Gerald McEwin, Stratford Police Service*

“In a word, the OPVTA provides "Edu-tainment" - informational/educational multimedia on topical polices issues wrapped up in an entertaining wrapper. Consistently fabulous product by a top notch organization!”

- *Sergeant David Miller, Guelph Police Service*

“The Saint John Police Force has benefited from the videos in several ways. They aid immensely in the teaching of Advanced Patrol Training. More importantly, the videos feature real people using real life situations. The videos are informative and short in duration, which is great for our platoons, providing great training without sacrificing time on the street. I also use the videos with every cadet and recruit class, along with the Coach officer program...excellent scenarios! Please keep up the great work!”

- *Sergeant Joe Roper, i/c Training and Professional Development, Saint John Police Force*

“The ever-increasing use and possession of illegal firearms by organized crime groups and individuals continues to jeopardize the safety of our front line officers. "Characteristics of an Armed Person" seminars are regularly conducted by representatives of the PWEU. However, many others needed to be exposed to this vital investigative tool. The PWEU and OPVTA collaboratively built upon the foundation of the hands-on training and incorporated the information into a detailed video production entitled "Armed and Dangerous". The tremendous success of this production is directly attributed to the expertise provided by members of the OPVTA crew. They were able to effectively create situations and scenarios that enable the viewers to clearly understand the learning objectives. I have received numerous accolades regarding the content of this professional training video package and am confident that any law enforcement officer viewing this video will improve upon their awareness when dealing with potentially armed individuals. It was a pleasure to work with the OPVTA and we look forward to future opportunities to work together and enhance the safety and security of our officers as well as the streets and communities throughout the province of Ontario.”

- *Detective Inspector Stephen Clegg, i/c Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit*

“The police community as a whole is well served by the OPVTA. The technical quality of their work is exceptional and everyone in the police community should be proud to be associated with them.”

- Noreen Alleyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services

“It is our privilege to be one of the original members of the OPVTA and I congratulate you and your staff, who have been the driving force behind what has been a tremendously successful training tool.”

- Chief of Police Derek McElveny, Brantford Police Service

“The OPVTA programs that our Service uses are extremely well done. These videos, along with their support materials, are both professional and thought-provoking. I rely on these videos to help address subject-specific training needs. The topics often stimulate discussion and, when the subject matter addresses officer safety, helps to increase officer awareness. When the subject matter is procedural or deals with issues of law it helps us to reduce the risk of civil liability.”

- Staff Sergeant Jon Schmidt, Training and Education, Toronto Police Service

“These videos are an invaluable aid to our block training program, both to enhance the Advanced Patrol Training lectures and other foundation training that we do, such as Use of Force. Programs such as “Armed & Dangerous” assist with our specific needs, as well.”

- Sergeant Randy Peacock, Provincial Police Academy, Ontario Provincial Police

“The OPVTA productions are an effective and valuable training tool. They have the appropriate level of professionalism but use humour when possible to communicate the training points. Prior to this position at Training and Education, I was responsible for delivering training to one of the TPS units, and the videos from OPVTA were well received by our Front Line officers.”

- Sergeant Rick Armstrong, Toronto Police Service

“I view training as a significant component to expose the threat posed by organized crime to our uniform personnel. As such it is my opinion that the training videos prepared by the OPVTA for the BEU and other units within the Organized Crime Section are an excellent resource. The product produced is professional and clearly presents the message that we are attempting to deliver. The feedback has been tremendous and I truly believe this to be a valuable tool to stem the threat of organized crime.”

- Detective Inspector Don Bell, i/c Biker Enforcement Unit

“The OPVTA is a critical component to police training in this province. Through its regular meetings with police educators, current topics and themes are identified for future productions. The use of subject matter experts from local police services helps to ensure the content is both factual and up-to-date. The recent transition to the DVD format has enabled the OPVTA to incorporate an interactive component to their productions, including frequent Q and A's and other training tips. Many of the video productions can be utilized as brief refreshers to a specific topic, while others form the basis for longer courses, such as Death Notification and the Coach Officer Scenarios. I have always been extremely impressed by the professionalism of the OPVTA production crew and the quality of their work. I look forward to their new releases in the months ahead.”

- Sergeant Shaun Brabazon, Professional Development Centre, Ottawa Police Service and Vice-President, Ontario Association of Police Educators

“Over the 3 years I have worked in the training bureau, I have had the opportunity to deal with the OPVTA on several occasions. I have found everyone to be approachable and very accommodating. The productions are professional, high quality and the subject matter is always up-to-date. I found the investigative detention video to be very timely and informative. The videos are short in nature (averaging about 15 minutes) which is perfect for road officers to view while on parade, so as not to take them off the road for too long. Yet they are packed with information that is necessary and appropriate. When we worked with the OPVTA for the "First Officer" video, the crew was professional and thorough. I look forward to working with them again.”

- Constable David Crawford, Halton Regional Police Service
