



### **Chief of Police Ron Gignac**

Ron began his journey of service to others by joining the Royal Canadian Army as a cadet in May of 1981 in St Catharines Ontario. Ron Joined the Canadian Army as a combat engineer in 1984. During Ron's tenure with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat Engineer Regiment he attained several qualifications and was deployed overseas for operational missions. He was deployed on missions to Cyprus for 2 tours, the Persian Gulf War and Iraq throughout his military career. He was also posted to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering as a Mine warfare and explosives instructor.

In 1995, Ron was hired by the Ontario Provincial Police as a full time police officer. Ron served in many capacities during his first few years as an officer. He served in Shelburne Detachment, New Tecumseth Detachment, and in the O.P.P. Central Region Emergency Response tactical team. In October of 2000 Ron was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and transferred to Caledon Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police in Peel Region.

Ron went on to have command roles at a variety of detachments as an Acting Detachment Commander in the Ontario Provincial Police beginning with the

Port Credit Detachment. Ron then went on to have command roles at the Niagara Falls Detachment, Caledon Detachment, The Traffic and Marine Division of the Greater Toronto Region, and at the Queens Park Detachment.

In 2006, Ron was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and took command of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police in Petawawa Ontario. The Detachment neighbored Canadian Forces Base Petawawa and served 7 municipalities.

In 2009 Ron joined the Deep River Municipal Police Department. Ron was promoted to Chief of Police in 2013. In June of 2015, Ron was hired to the Deputy Chief Post position within the Belleville Police. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2017 Ron was promoted to the Chief of Police post for the Belleville Police.

Ron states that it is an honour and privilege to have been chosen as a servant leader to fulfill the vision of the Service and Community for the members of the Belleville Police Service, and the citizens of the great City of Belleville. Chief Ron Gignac comments that there is no substitute for hard work and effort with the right attitude in being “Partners with the Community” as stated in the Police Service’s motto.

Chief Ron Gignac is often heard saying: “Success is not final, Failure is not fatal; It is the Courage to continue that counts”. “You cannot cross a river by merely looking at it”. Ron states that small things accomplished are better than big things only talked about. “We are a police force of action”.

Chief Ron Gignac states that the officers, civilian staff, Auxiliary Police officers, Special Constable Unit, and the policing volunteers of the Belleville Police Service are the best in the Province. The entire Police Force is an extremely dedicated organization that cares passionately about our City and strives to enhance a greater spirit of community mobilization and engagement in the interests of ensuring that Public safety and a secure community is at the forefront of what we do 365 days a year. We need our citizens to pray for us, and to give their support in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

The police officers and entire staff of the Belleville Police annually volunteer thousands of hours of their personal time in support of multiple charities, volunteer organizations, coaching, school events, and fundraising for families/people in need, and worthy community causes. We are a Police Organization that serves our community while on duty and while off duty in multiple special unpaid capacities. May God Bless our great City.