

Ontario Provincial Police General Headquarters

The Lincoln M. Alexander Building

OPP General Headquarters was opened in 1995 and stands on a 13½-acre site. It is one of the largest facilities ever built by the Ontario government. Over 900 people work at General Headquarters. Roughly two thirds of the building is devoted to operational work.

Development was a joint venture between Dunlop Farrow Architects of Toronto and W.M. Slater & Associates of Barrie. Every operational function - from Communications to Transport, Career Development to Emergency Services, and Training to Forensic Investigation - happens at OPP GHQ.

The OPP Off Duty ShOPP, a one-stop tuck shop, is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., (705) 329-6280.

The Steakout Cafeteria is open to the public, Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., (705) 329-6523.



Self-Guided Tour



Welcome to the home of the OPP in Orillia, Ontario. This building was named in honour of Lincoln M. Alexander, who served Ontario as Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Alexander was appointed as the OPP's Honorary Commissioner in 1991. This is a lifetime appointment.

A self-guided tour can take anywhere between 20 minutes to over an hour, depending upon how many stops you make. We hope you enjoy this glimpse into the world of the OPP

The Honour Roll

Spend a moment at the Honour Roll. Erected by the Ontario Provincial Police Association as a tribute to members who gave their lives in the service of the people of Ontario, it is a testimonial to "*Integrity, perseverance and Courage*".



**Established in 1909, the OPP is
proud of its rich heritage.**

The OPP Museum

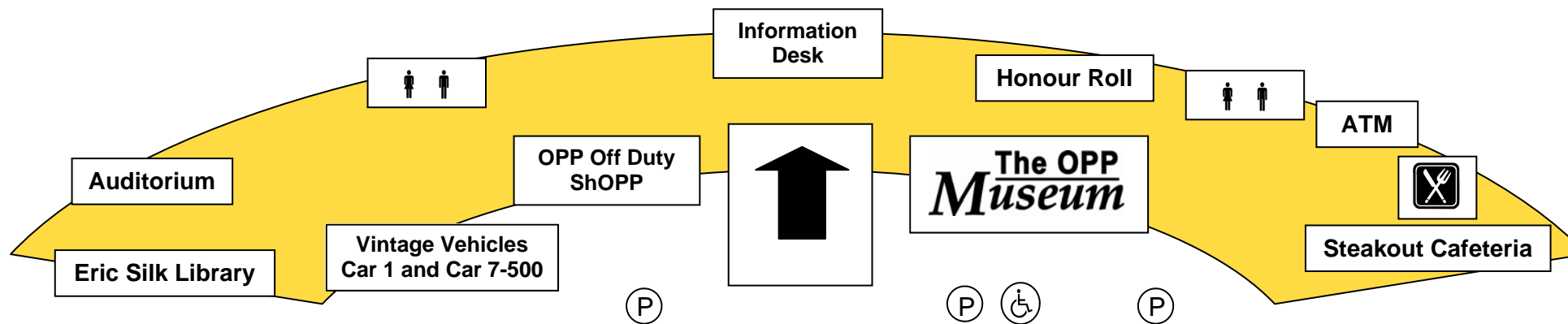
Enjoy our displays of specialized law enforcement equipment, uniforms - past and present, insignia, investigative techniques, vintage vehicles and police photographs. Displays are interactive and dynamic.

Children can create original police themed artwork, check out the educational CD-ROMs or try on a uniform in the "dress-up" area.



The OPP Museum is open year round
Monday to Friday
(except statutory holidays)
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free!



Begin your visit at the front entrance to the impressive **Lincoln M. Alexander Building**. Immediately inside the vestibule, you will find photos of **OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino** and **four Provincial Commanders** who direct over 7,000 uniform and civilian members.

The **Lincoln M. Alexander** bronze bust, modelled by Kenneth Jarvis, is found inside and to the left of the main entrance doors. Mr. Alexander, Ontario's 24th Lieutenant Governor (1985-1991), was appointed Honorary Commissioner of the OPP in 1991. This is a lifetime appointment.

Turn right from the Information Desk to head towards **The OPP Museum**. You will pass a model of the building. General Headquarters (GHQ) opened in 1995 and the OPP moved its main operations to Orillia from seven different locations in downtown Toronto. Orillia met all 25 of the site selection criteria.

Spend a moment for reflection at the **Honour Roll**. Erected by the Ontario Provincial Police Association, it is a tribute to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Welcome to **The OPP Museum**. On display is a 1931 Henderson used by Constable Jack Hincheliffe to patrol Ontario's highways during the early years of the Depression.

This motorcycle is just one of many valuable and tangible reminders of a rich past, preserved and housed in our museum. Pick up an *Exhibition Guide* or wander through our exhibit space. The museum's displays cover a wide variety of topics and reveal the stories behind over a century of policing Ontario. There is much to discover so make sure you check out the exhibits in our display case drawers. Before you leave the museum, please fill out an evaluation card. We are interested in your comments.

As you exit from **The OPP Museum**, turn right to continue your tour. On your left, you will see the offices of the **Professional Standards Bureau** – a bureau charged with ensuring that the OPP upholds and recognizes standards of excellence.

As you walk towards the Cafeteria, you will see the entrance to the **Provincial Police Academy**, where both recruits and officers receive training. Members of the public are welcome to pause and enjoy the fare at **The Steakout Cafeteria**.

Head back towards the Information desk where you can view the **1977 Harley-Davidson** motorcycle nearby. On your left, you can enjoy additional museum displays.

Don't miss **The OPP Off Duty ShOPP**; it provides a great chance to browse for a souvenir. Across from the store is a display featuring the OPP's Auxiliary Program. Auxiliary volunteers come from all walks of life and contribute to all our communities.

Enjoy viewing **Car 1**, a 1941 Chevrolet and a fine re-creation of the first marked OPP cruiser. Its companion, **Car 7-500**, is a 1989 Chevrolet Caprice - a black and white OPP cruiser.



Continue on past additional displays about various OPP programs and the **Uniform Recruiting Section** of the Career Development Bureau, which is to your right.

Finish by visiting **The OPP Eric Silk Library**. The Library was dedicated in 1995 in honour of the late Commissioner Emeritus Eric Silk, Q.C., who led the OPP from 1963 to 1973. It provides resource materials and information services to all OPP personnel, whether they are located at General Headquarters or at any of our many detachments. The Library contains over 15,000 items. Feel free to browse and please sign the guest book located at the Circulation Desk.

This completes the tour of GHQ. Tell a friend about your visit and come again!

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