



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Interested in a Career in Policing?**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON March 23, 2011) With a growing number of trained professionals needed in the policing field to accommodate for retiring baby boomers in the upcoming years, Employment Solutions and Sault College invite those interested in learning more about the opportunities available at the annual “Careers in Law Enforcement” information day. On March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:30pm at Algoma’s Water Tower Inn, attendees can learn about Canada’s growing demand for police officers and how to jumpstart a policing career at Sault College. Hundreds are expected to attend the informative event.

Recruitment officers and agents from the Ontario Provincial Police, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Border Services Agency and the Military will be represented at this event.

“Sault College Justice Studies graduates are being employed by a wide variety of policing organizations,” says Jeff Barnes, Professor and Justice Studies coordinator at Sault College. “Most of these agencies will soon need to double or triple officer hiring to accommodate for converging demographics and a shrinking labour pool over the next five years. Sault College is standing by to help train those interested in a career in policing and this event helps students get on the right track.”

Presentations at the event are open to the public especially to those who are looking for a career in the enforcement field. The focus will be on education, qualifications, the hiring process as well as what to expect from the organization with regards to careers.

**The presenters are as follows:**

Sault Police – Emergency Services Unit, 9:30am

O.P.P. Deputy Commissioner – Larry Beechey, 10:45am

O.P.P. Forensic Identification Unit, 1:30pm

Sault Ste. Marie Police Services and O.P.P. Canine Units, 2:45pm

Faculty from Sault College Justice Studies programs will also be available to answer questions regarding the Police Foundation, Protection, Security and Investigation diploma programs, and the articulation agreement between Sault College and Lake Superior State University (LSSU). Upon graduation from Sault College, students can enrol at LSSU to complete the requirements of a degree within two to three semesters, obtaining their diploma in Police Foundations and a four-year university degree in Criminal Justice in as little as three years.

Admission to the event is free-of-charge and open to the public. For more information on the “Careers in Law Enforcement Day” or if you have any questions regarding Justice Studies programs at Sault College, please call Jeff Barnes at 705-759-2554 ext. 2617.

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**About Sault College Justice Studies Programs**

Many Sault College Justice Studies graduates are gainfully employed in successful and exciting careers across Canada with the RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Police, Regional Police, Customs and Immigration, Corrections, Military Police and Private and Public Security Firms. The Sault College Justice Studies Department offers two diploma programs, Police Foundations and Protection, Security and Investigation. The program has a common first year, with the student selecting his or her specialist area for the second year of study. Justice Studies students are exposed to both theory and practical application of justice principles. Some examples of hands on training include, forensic labs, self defence tactics, use of force tools, accident reconstruction, form completion and much more. Instructors in these programs are from the enforcement field and provide a mentoring program for all students taking these courses. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at [www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca) for more information.

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