



Sault College News Release

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Interested in a Career in Policing?

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON October 9, 2013) With a growing number of trained professionals needed in the policing field to accommodate for retiring baby boomers in the upcoming years, Sault College is hosting its ever-popular annual Law Enforcement Career Day.

With regional and federal partners in attendance on campus Wednesday, October 16th from 9:00am-2:00pm, students will learn about Canada's growing demand for police officers and how to jumpstart a policing career at Sault College. Hundreds of participants are expected to attend the informative and timely 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 the College to speak to students and community members.

"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 know what's out there and how to move towards their goals," says Jeff Barnes, Professor and Coordinator of Justice Studies at Sault College.

Presentations at the event are open to the public and will be of particular interest 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 with regard to careers in this field.

“We know how important it is to continue to look at workplace trends and find qualified talent to fill upcoming retirements and vacancies,” states Robert Davies, Chief of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service. “That is why we want to be a part of this event, and are pleased to have been invited.”

Presenters include:

9:15 to 9:20am - Welcome from Dr. Ron Common

9:20 to 10:45am - Sault College Justice Studies Program and Articulation Agreements

9:45 to 10:30am - Chief Robert Davies, Sault Ste. Marie Police Service

10:30-10:45am - Break

10:45-11:45am - Commissioner Chris Lewis, Ontario Provincial Police

11:45am- Students break into three groups and rotate activities every 45 minutes.

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| 1) Lunch | 45 Minutes |
| 2) Tours | 45 Minutes |
| 3) Police Displays | 45 Minutes |

Faculty from Sault College Justice Studies programs will also be on hand to answer questions regarding the Police Foundations and Protection, Security and Investigation diploma programs, as well as 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 this event or to see how you can begin studying Justice Studies this January, please call Jeff Barnes at 705-759-2554 ext. 2617.

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 for more information.

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