

# POLICE IN AFGHANISTAN

Over the 11-year conflict about 300 Canadian police from across the country volunteered to train the Afghan National Police (ANP). In 2010 about 50 RCMP and other civilian Canadian police were posted to Afghanistan with more arriving in the post-2014 gradual shift in ISAF's mission from combat to support.

Challenges of trying to bring about the rule of law were many. The corrupt ANP was distrusted and ineffectual which challenged the adoption of community policing. Many recruits were illiterate making pamphlets useless and translators necessary. Family and tribal



loyalties required a sensitivity to culture and customs.

Canadian police were not there to enforce Afghan law, but to mentor Afghans enforcing their laws.



## Hamilton Police Service in the Afghanistan Mission



Together. Stronger. Safer.

There were eight members of the Hamilton Police Service who volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan. From 2006 to December 2010 officers participated in the Afghanistan mission with some on more than one rotation and with one awarded the Rotation Bar honour to his Campaign Star for 210 days in theatre.



Hamilton Police Service members served with their respective forces on land, air, and sea in several operations in roles from gunner to Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Operator.



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Unity. Loyalty.  
Responsibility.

## Niagara Regional Police Service

Established on January 1st, 1971, the Niagara Regional Police Service is the oldest regional police service in Ontario. In an area of 1,863 square kilometers, the Niagara Regional Police Service patrols one of Ontario's largest geographic Regions.

Warrant Office (Sergeant) Dennis Brown, Lincoln and Welland Regiment, was a special constable who was tragically killed in Afghanistan while serving his country.