



**ALGONQUIN COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH THE
ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE**

Ottawa, ON, Dec. 16, 2002: An official signing ceremony took place at Algonquin College today. College President Robert Gillett signed a Letter of Understanding with Chris D. Lewis, OPP Chief Superintendent and Regional Commander (Eastern Region) to assist and exchange professional development training for not only Eastern Ontario OPP officers, but also Algonquin College's Police Foundation students, over the next five years.

The training will take place in Algonquin's Police and Public Safety (PPSI) facility. The most advanced facility of its kind in Canada, the PPSI is currently shared with Ottawa Police Service which uses the Institute as its primary training ground for staff development.

"This partnership with the OPP is an excellent opportunity for Algonquin College to provide advanced police and public safety training in a state-of-the-art facility," says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett.

Algonquin's PPSI houses "cutting-edge" training equipment and technologies, including: a simulation lab for tactical rescue and simulated fire training; a fully-equipped advanced surveillance and alarm technologies lab; as well as specialized computer labs and fitness facilities.

"We are very proud of the relationship we have developed with Algonquin College and look forward to expanding that relationship," says Chief Superintendent Chris D. Lewis, Commander of the OPP's Eastern Region. "This enhanced partnership is an example of how the OPP works together with community partners toward ensuring public safety and security."

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