

**MAY I BEGIN BY SALUTING THE CHAIR OF THE OTTAWA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD, ELI EL-CHANTIRY ...**

CHIEF CONSTABLE, VERN WHITE . . .

INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF

**. . . WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO GET OUR NEWEST
OFFICERS READY.**

**. . . AND THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE SUPPORTED OUR
NEWLY-TRAINED RECRUITS.**

**AND I AM PARTICULARLY SALUTING ALL THE SPOUSES AND
PARTNERS HERE TODAY.**

**PERHAPS THEY WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH TO STAND SO
THAT WE MAY ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.**

WITHOUT YOU, NOTHING WORKS.

NOW LET ME TURN MY ATTENTION TO OUR GRADUATES . .
. ALL OF YOU HERE HAVE MANAGED TO SURVIVE TRAINING
. . . AND ARE ABOUT TO LAUNCH YOUR CAREERS WITH A
GREAT INSTITUTION.

AS A PROUD CANADIAN, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR
ACHIEVEMENT . . . AND WISH YOU WELL ON THE
CHALLENGING PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN WITH ONE OF THE
MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND RESPECTED POLICE SERVICES IN
THE NATION

. . . THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE.

ALL OF YOU RECRUITS HERE TODAY ARE JOINING A FAMILY.

THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE HAS ALWAYS SEEN ITSELF AS
A FAMILY, WITH THE JOB OF PROTECTING OTHER
CANADIAN FAMILIES.

THAT'S A GOOD NOTION: FAMILY.

AND KEEP IT IN MIND AS YOU GO ABOUT YOUR DUTIES.

**YOU AREN'T JUST COPPERS ENFORCING LAWS. YOU ARE
COURAGEOUS HUMAN BEINGS . . . TRYING TO MAKE LIFE
BETTER FOR OTHER HUMAN BEINGS.**

**YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE INTEGRITY . . .
AND INTELLIGENCE . . . AND PATIENCE . . . AND
UNDERSTANDING. . . AND HUMILITY.**

**YOUR BRAINS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL THAT YOU
WILL EVER HAVE ...**

**AND IT WILL GET YOU THROUGH SO MANY SITUATIONS
SAFELY IF YOU ONLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.**

**MOST OF THE TIME, IF YOU CAN, IT'S BEST TO TAKE
YOUR TIME AND TALK YOURSELF TO A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION.**

**GET A DIALOGUE GOING AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED
HOW OFTEN YOU CAN GET PEOPLE TO COME AROUND TO
YOUR WAY OF THINKING.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO SAY JUST HOW PROUD I AM OF ALL THE
OF THE GRADUATES HERE TODAY,**

**IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I KNOW THAT MY FAMILY AND
OTHER FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF OTTAWA WILL SLEEP
SAFELY AT NIGHT.**

**THE PEOPLE OF OTTAWA ARE COUNTING ON YOU . . .
AND I KNOW THAT YOUR DETERMINED TO GIVE THEM THE
SAFE CITY THAT THEY DESERVE.**

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON THIS IMPORTANT DUTY AND
THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS THAT GO WITH IT.**

**THANK YOU FOR GRANTING ME THE PRIVILEGE OF
SPEAKING TO YOU.**