

Bio – Inspector Sheri Meeks

Inspector Sheri Meeks was raised in the hamlet of Roslin. She attended school at Centre Hastings Secondary in Madoc where she received the Governor General's Medal in Education upon her graduation. She then attended the University of Waterloo where she received her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Applied Studies/Legal Studies and made the Dean's List. She then attended the University of Toronto and obtained her Bachelor of Education and Ontario Teacher's Certificate. Inspector Meeks worked as a Probation Officer in Toronto for Phase 1 Young Offenders as well as a custody/child care facilitator in an open custody detention facility in Toronto.

Inspector Meeks began her policing career with Belleville in 1996 when she was hired as a Constable. She started in Uniform – Operations and during that time in February 1998, she became the first Community Policing Officer for the new Thurlow ward. She has also been a coach officer and active crisis negotiator for the service since 2002.

While in Uniform – Operations she was a Big Sisters of Belleville Board Member, a Quinte Crime Stoppers Board Member, the Thurlow Neighbourhood Watch facilitator and part of the Bayshore Picnic Committee. She also became the unofficial Mental Health Liaison Officer for her service due to her involvement on several Mental Health boards, past and present such as Mental Health Support Network and Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee.

Inspector Meeks was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Unit in 2006 working in the Sexual Assault Unit for several years. She was also the Domestic Violence Coordinator and as such, sat on the Quinte Coordinating Committee Against Violence, Domestic Violence Court Advisory Committee, High Risk Action Review Team member and Domestic Violence Emergency Response System Committee. She was asked to present at the Ontario Police College with members of VWAP on the HART teams.

Inspector Meeks was promoted to Sgt in 2010 where she worked as Patrol Sergeant. She then became the Sgt in Courts at the new courthouse. Throughout her career, Inspector Meeks has been a facilitator and organizer for LEADS mental health training for new officers, first responders, and

social services and has worked Part time at Loyalist College teaching in the police foundations program.

In 2014, Inspector Meeks became an Acting Staff Sergeant for two different platoons for long periods of time in 2014 and 2015. She was promoted to Staff Sergeant in 2015 and began a new position as Executive Officer in April 2016. In 2015, she became part of the Ebrief (electronic crown brief) steering committee pilot project and helped coordinate and train all front line officers and supervisors.

In November 2016, she was promoted to the rank of Inspector and in January 2017, she took over as Divisional Commander of Uniform Operations which oversees all of front line uniform patrol, ERT team, Transcriber unit, Front desk response, K-9, and the Collision Reporting Centre.