

## **Memorial Wall - Procedural Information**

The Toronto Police Service Memorial Wall (Memorial Wall) has been established to honour those members of the Toronto Police Service (Service) whose deaths occur from a line of duty incident.

### **Definitions**

#### **Line of Duty Incident**

An event in which action is taken by a member in the lawful performance of duty and for the purpose of protecting and serving the public.

#### **Line of Duty Death**

Death that results directly from injury or trauma sustained in an identifiable line of duty incident.

#### **Member**

Means any police officer, any civilian member or any auxiliary member.

#### **Toronto Police Service Memorial Wall**

Means the Memorial Wall on which are inscribed the names of members of the Service who die as a direct result of a line of duty incident.

#### **Submission Process**

The Office of the Chief of Police is responsible for maintenance of, reviewing submissions for, and authorizing inscriptions on the Memorial Wall.

### **Procedure**

When a member dies in the line of duty, any member or the deceased member's family may advance a submission, in the prescribed online form, to have the name of the deceased member inscribed on the Memorial Wall as a Line of Duty Death.

The submission shall contain a comprehensive summary of the facts and circumstances concerning the member's death. The submission shall indicate how the member's death meets each of the criteria set out below. The Office of the Chief of Police shall review the submission and, based on the established criteria and any other pertinent considerations make a determination as to whether or not the deceased member's name will be inscribed on the Memorial

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Responses to submissions will typically be provided within six months of receiving a complete submission. A submission is complete when it includes a fully completed online form and all required supporting documentation.

Decisions of the Office of the Chief of Police relating to this submission procedure are final.

The Memorial Wall commemorates those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. By paying homage to individuals who, through their actions and devotion, embody the noble qualities, ideals and values of the Service, it is intended to be an inspiration to those who continue to serve. As such, the circumstances of the member's death must be related to those professional activities that distinguish the individual as a member of the Service. The names of members who die from mental health injuries will have an equal opportunity for inclusion on the Memorial Wall as the names of members who die from physical injuries.

The following contains the criteria and the administrative process for advancing a candidate for inclusion on the Memorial Wall, and establishes the role of the Office of the Chief of Police in administering the process.

## **Criteria**

The following criteria apply:

1. The deceased member must have been a sworn or civilian member of the Service at the time of the identifiable line of duty incident that caused the death.
2. The deceased member's death must have been predominantly caused by the identifiable Line of Duty Incident. A statement from a physician establishing the causal connection must accompany each application.
3. The deceased member must have been acting in good faith, in the lawful performance of duty and upholding the duties of the position and core values of the Service at the time of the line of duty incident.
4. The deceased member must not have been facing the potential of criminal or disciplinary charges for serious misconduct at the time of the death.

**Note:** All names that currently appear on the Memorial Wall shall remain regardless of whether the circumstances of the named deceased member's death meets the criteria in this Procedure.

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**Note:** Notwithstanding the above criteria, the Office of the Chief of Police may consider any set of circumstances that led to the death of a member of the Service. Submitted medical information may be reviewed by an independent physician to determine if it meets the criteria in this Procedure.

**Note:** Notwithstanding the preceding, the Office of the Chief of Police may reconsider a previous decision based upon new information not contained or available in the original submission.