

New chief to be sworn in Tuesday

Halton's next police chief will be sworn in at a special ceremony next week.

The swearing in and change of command rituals for new chief Stephen Tanner will take place Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Burlington Convention Centre.

Outgoing chief Gary Crowell will be present to conduct the official transfer of authority to Tanner.

Tanner will receive his chief's badge from Halton Police Services Board chairman Robert Maich.

The oath of office will be performed by Justice Brian O'Marra, a recently-appointed judge in Toronto, who was the Crown attorney in Halton for many years.

Tanner begins working in Halton on Sept. 1.

He was born in Oakville and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Guelph before joining Halton police in 1982.

He worked in a variety of areas including uniformed patrol, criminal investigations, tactical and rescue, training, intelligence, and major crime (homicide as well as forensic polygraph examination).

Tanner also served as an elected representative and chair of the Halton Regional Police Association and was also involved with the Police Association of Ontario.

In 1998, Tanner accepted the position of Deputy Chief of Operations with the Guelph Police Service, a po-

sition he held until relocating to Belleville as its Deputy Chief in 2000.

In 2001, he graduated from the Master of Public Administration degree program at the University of Western Ontario. The program focuses on municipal government and business.



STEPHEN TANNER

In January 2002, Tanner was chosen as Belleville's Chief of Police. At the age of 41, he became one of the youngest police chiefs in Canada.

In November 2008, he became chief of the Kingston Police Force, a position he held for more than three years until he was named chief of Halton police.

Tanner has been involved for years with a variety of organizations and boards including the Children's Aid Society, Belleville General Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and a variety of sports teams and organizations.

He is currently President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and has served as the chair of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario.

In February 2010, he was designated as a Certified Municipal Manager Level III (the highest level) by the Ontario Municipal Management Institute.

In January 2012, he was appointed by the Governor General of Canada as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Tanner and his wife Colette have two sons, Jordan and Aron.

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