## MEDIA ALERT



## CONTACT

Kevin Crowley, Director Communications & Public Affairs, Wilfrid Laurier University 519-884-0710 ext. 3070 or kcrowley@wlu.ca

APRIL 7, 2016 | 084-16

## LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: Post-traumatic stress disorder treatment for first responders legislation

WATERLOO - The Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act was passed April 5.

The following Laurier experts are available to comment on mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder and first responders:

**Renée MacPhee**, associate professor in Laurier's Health Sciences and Kinesiology and Physical Education departments, is an expert on the health and wellbeing of paramedics. MacPhee is available to comment on occupational injury status and mental health. Contact information: 519-884-0710 x2754 or <a href="macphee@wlu.ca">rmacphee@wlu.ca</a>.

**Heidi Ahonen**, professor in Laurier's Faculty of Music and director of the Manfred and Penny Conrad Institute for Music Therapy Research, is available to comment on music therapy approaches for psychological trauma, PTSD and/or burnout for health care professionals all over the world. Contact information: 519-884-0710 x2431 or <a href="https://hahonen@wlu.ca">hahonen@wlu.ca</a>.