

The SIU is a civilian-led oversight agency with the power to investigate and charge police officials in Ontario.

The SIU has jurisdiction over the Ontario Provincial Police, all regional and municipal police services, as well as the Niagara Parks Police and the Legislative Protective Service.

The SIU investigates the circumstances around serious injuries, sexual assault allegations, firearms discharges at a person, and deaths where an official has been involved.



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What is the Affected Persons Program or APP?

Due to the serious and often traumatic nature of SIU investigations, the APP provides information, support, and guidance to affected persons.

Who are affected persons?

Affected persons are complainants, family members and loved ones of complainants, witnesses, and anyone negatively impacted by an SIU investigation.

Availability

Affected Persons Coordinators or APCs are located throughout Ontario and available by telephone. APCs may meet with affected persons at their residence or other places of convenience.

APP services are available 24-hours a day and 7-days a week.

How can the APP help you?

APCs contact affected persons by telephone or meet with them in-person.

Depending on the needs of an affected person and the circumstances surrounding the case, APCs may provide:

- On-scene, 24/7 crisis response and intervention
- Emotional and practical support
- Systems navigation
- Community advocacy and referral

Additional services are tailored to meet the needs of affected persons.

In death investigations, APCs may also provide assistance with:

- Completing next-of-kin notifications
- Making funeral arrangements
- Accessing funds for funeral services
- Returning personal belongings
- Providing general investigative-related information

APP — Court Support Program

Once criminal charges have been laid, we offer additional support services to victims and witnesses in all SIU cases that are before the courts:

- Provide information, guidance, and support throughout the court process
- Provide on-going court updates
- Arrange meetings with the Crown Attorney and lead investigator
- Arrange interpretation services
- Courtroom orientation and witness preparation
- Accompaniment and transportation

The APP also works collaboratively with other community agencies such as local Victim Services and the Victim Witness Assistance Program to ensure service gaps are eliminated.



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