

Ontario Provincial Police



Police provinciale de l'Ontario

Thomas Carrique
Commissioner Le Commissaire

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Mr. Vincent Gircys


Mr. Gircys:

It has been brought to our attention that you have been engaged in the online group, Police On Guard for Thee, and are scheduled to speak at an online event called "The Awakening" on January 2, 2021.

The promotional materials for these groups depict you in Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) uniform and identify you as a retired OPP member.

As you are aware, the OPP and its members carry the substantial responsibility of protecting the citizens of Ontario by upholding the law and preserving public safety. I wish to make clear in no uncertain terms that the messages espoused in the above groups, such as the assertion that laws in place to restrain the spread of COVID-19 are illegal, are in direct contradiction to the mandate and views of the OPP.

As a former uniformed member of the OPP, you are in a position of trust as you appear as an authority figure in the eyes of the public. Your sharing of a message that encourages the disobedience of lawful orders is harmful to the safety of the citizens of Ontario.

While you are free to hold your personal opinions, you must be clear that your views do not represent those of the OPP. To that end, I do not approve of your wearing any OPP uniform, badge, or insignia at events such as the one you are attending on January 2nd. Should you misrepresent your views as those of the OPP's, we will be considering all legal courses of action.

I further remind you of your continuing obligations under your oaths or affirmations of allegiance and office, including the obligation not to disclose information or documents that came to your knowledge or possession by reason of having been a public servant.

Yours truly,



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