



COPKA
Citizens for Respectful Policing



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Our Mission:

To raise awareness of policing problems in our community
and to help people who have been harmed by police.



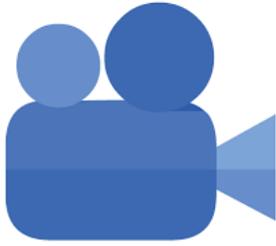
In loving memory COPKA honours Kathy Finucane, who passed away at home on July 16th, surrounded by her loved ones. Kathy had a strong sense of justice. She cared deeply, not only for her own family, but for the whole community. COPKA is grateful for Kathy's fierce support from the beginning; as a one of our first members, a long time advisor and most recently as a Board member. Without Kathy's inspiration, wisdom and hard work, COPKA would not be what it is today. Kathy, your legacy lives on.

What do you think about this resource: "Steps to Justice" is a new website from a coalition of justice partners led by Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO). This site provides legal information for Ontarians in the areas of domestic abuse, consumer and workplace law, and criminal, family, housing and human rights law. Check it out at www.stepstojustice.ca.

Let us know what you think of this service; do you find it helpful and easy to use? Would you recommend it to someone who has been harmed by police?



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“Hold Your Fire” check out this CBC documentary on police violence and how police can use de-escalation instead. **WARNING:** this video contains disturbing scenes of police brutality.

<http://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/episodes/hold-your-fire>



**We're
Searching for**



COPKA NEEDS YOU:

- **Board member:** Help guide the work of COPKA. (average 1hr/month)
- **Community Support Team:** Big thanks to Roberta Della Picca for volunteering to help people harmed by police. Call now to join the training sessions – let’s build a strong team. (You determine your hours)
- **COPKA Corner:** COPKA Corner articles raise awareness of local policing issues. Brian Tyrrell is our editor. Big thanks to Rick Reimer for volunteering to help! Does anyone else want to help with writing and research? Let’s get COPKA back in the papers.
- **COPKA News:** Our newsletter is published 4 times a year. Can you do layout? Write some short blurbs? Take over the mailout? (average 2 hrs/month)
- **Office Management:** Are you comfortable with a computer, typing, simple accounts and file management? (average 5 hrs/month)
- **Secretary:** Can you take minutes for COPKA meetings? Handle correspondence? (perhaps 10hrs/month)
- **Join a Project Team:**
 - posting COPKA signs
 - COPKA information night
 - Annual General Meeting
 - fundraiser event

THANK YOU

COPKA is very grateful for a substantial bequest from the late Andy Gajda. Andy loved this community and was a great supporter, advisor and volunteer at COPKA. Andy, we miss you, and we will never forget your strength, your joy and your generosity. Dance on, Andy!



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