

Detective Staff Sergeant Tanya Sampson has been a sworn member of the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) since 2000, bringing over two decades of dedicated service and investigative expertise. Since 2009, she has supported major criminal investigations, serving in a variety of highly skilled and specialized roles. Tanya is currently the Manager of Operational Programs within the O.P.P.'s Criminal Investigation Branch. In this capacity, she plays a pivotal role in advancing investigative practices, including establishing, and leading both the O.P.P.'s Historic Homicide Unit and the Investigative Genetic Genealogy Implementation Team. Her leadership has been instrumental in modernizing investigative approaches and strengthening the O.P.P.'s capacity to resolve complex cases.

In her previous positions, Tanya was key to the development of the O.P.P.'s new High Risk Offender Unit and Threat Assessment Program. She led electronic surveillance and Part VI (Title III) wiretap operations in support of major homicide and organized crime investigations and served as a member of the Joint Forces Penitentiary Squad, where she investigated major criminal activity within federal prisons.

Tanya holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Lakehead University. She also served as a commissioned officer in the Canadian Armed Forces (Cadet Instructor Cadre), reflecting her enduring commitment to leadership and public service.

Tanya is proud to serve on the Board of Directors of the International Homicide Investigators Association, where she is dedicated to strengthening member engagement and expanding development, training, and networking opportunities for law enforcement professionals across Canada.