

**King's University College pleased to welcome Brent Shea (London Police Services) to present *Policing and Security***

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**LONDON, ON** – On April 2, 2012, the Canadian Studies program at King's University College will be welcoming the London Police Service's Deputy Chief of Operations, Brent Shea, to present his talk, *Policing and Security*. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Vitali Student Lounge in the Wemple building at King's.

During his presentation, Shea will discuss various topics such as: how policing has changed over the course of his 30 year career (including the representation of women officers on the force); the challenges of budgeting; initiatives to address increasing multiculturalism; the challenges posed by developments in cyber crime and international terrorism. Shea will explain a lot about levels of policing, jurisdictions, provision of services, and procedures for review of police services. "[Shea] has a great command of these topics because he has served in so many different capacities," explains Jim Zucchero, King's academic counsellor and Canadian Studies instructor.

Shea is a 31 year veteran of the London Police Service having commenced employment with the Service in July 1980. He has worked in several areas of the organization including Uniformed Patrol, Major Crime, Vice and Drugs, Forensic Identification, Explosive Disposal, Professional Standards Branch, Human Resources Branch, Corporate Services Division and currently as the Deputy Chief of Operations. Shea is a graduate of King's and currently serves as Chair of the King's University College Foundation Board, Vice Chair of the Boys' and Girls' Club of London Board of Directors, Chair of the National Advisory Group for the Canadian Police Knowledge Network, and, as Director on the Ontario Public Sector Health and Safety Advisory Council for Municipal Affairs.

"I think this event should be of interest to members of the King's community because it hits close to home," explains Zucchero. "The work done by our local police often goes unnoticed – until you need them, but it really does affect the quality of life in our community. As for relevance to the Canadian Studies program, this talk highlights some very local issues that are specific to London but also exposes topics that are common to many communities across the country."

The Canadian Studies course at King's examines many facets of Canadian culture and identity including history and politics, First Nations issues, the arts and the media, Quebec and French Canada, popular culture from music and multiculturalism to health care and hockey.

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