

GUELPH POLICE SERVICE NEWS RELEASE



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Death of on duty Guelph police officer

On Thursday March 14th 2013 shortly after 12:30 a.m., an on duty Guelph Police Service Constable was enroute to assist at a call for service in a marked police cruiser travelling north on Imperial Road South. At that time the police cruiser crossed the center line of the roadway and struck a Guelph Transit bus near the entrance to the West End Recreational Center.

Guelph Police Service units, Guelph Wellington Emergency Medical Services and the Guelph Fire Department attended to the scene to provide emergency care and assistance for the officer and the driver of the Guelph Transit bus. The police constable was alone in her cruiser and suffered serious injuries. Guelph Fire extracted the officer from the cruiser.

The driver of the Guelph Transit bus was transported to the Guelph General Hospital where she was treated for minimal injuries and released. There were no passengers on the city bus at the time of the collision.

Sadly, 26 year old Police Constable Jennifer KOVACH was pronounced deceased at the Guelph General Hospital. Constable Kovach's next of kin have been notified.

Members of the Guelph Police Service Traffic unit are leading the investigation into the collision with the assistance of other units including the Forensic Identification Unit and in partnership with the Coroner's office.

This is a sad and tragic day for the Police Service and the City of Guelph. Constable Kovach exemplified the values of our service and was committed to making a difference. Jennifer was fulfilling her dream as a police officer and we will forever remember her zest for life, her strong sense of adventure and her gregarious smile that brightened all our lives.

If anyone witnessed the event or has information in relation to it, please contact Cst. Kaut at 519-824-1212, voicemail 7480.

All media inquiries related to the death of Cst. Kovach should be directed through the Guelph Police Service, Public Information Officer, Cst. Mike Gatto at extension 7253.



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