

Sue O'Sullivan, a 30-year law-enforcement veteran and former Deputy Chief of Police for the Ottawa Police Service, began her term as Canada's Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime August 16, 2010.

Throughout her law-enforcement career, Ms. O'Sullivan has served in Patrol, Criminal Investigative Services and Operations Support. Ms. O'Sullivan has been a member of the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Alumni Association, a group of senior professional executives who work together to influence local, national and international counter terrorism strategy, and has acted as an advisor to the Auditor General of Canada on National Security in Canada — The 2001 Anti-Terrorism Initiative Audit.

Throughout her career, Ms. O'Sullivan has continually advocated to increase the efficiency of services to victims. Prior to her appointment, Ms. O'Sullivan worked with stakeholders from the victim services community and all three levels of government to develop a co-ordinated victim assistance program.

Ms. O'Sullivan has been recognized for her leadership both within the service and in the community. Her honours include the Governor General's Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces Award, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal and the House of Commons Leadership Award (Ottawa-Center), the YM-YWCA Women of Distinction Award, the St. Joe's Women's Centre Quality of Life Award, and the Circle of Canadians Community Service Award.

Ms. O'Sullivan holds a B.A. in Law and Sociology with a subtitle in Criminology and Corrections from Carleton University and is a graduate of the Police Leadership Program (Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the University of Toronto).