

MARYLOUISE KEARNS JOINS THE VERITAS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Toronto, February 3rd, 2025.

The Veritas Foundation is pleased to welcome MaryLouise Kearns to its Board of Directors.

MaryLouise Kearns brings over 30 years of distinguished service in law enforcement, offering profound expertise in leadership, strategic investigations, and major case management.

Most recently, MaryLouise was Detachment Commander - Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) from 2022 to 2024. In this senior leadership role, MaryLouise guided both uniformed and civilian personnel in the Town of Caledon, Ontario. Before this, she was a Major Case Manager/Inspector with the OPP Criminal Investigative Branch (2017-2022). MaryLouise spearheaded some of Ontario's most complex and high-profile investigations, including homicides and organized crime, and led Ontario's largest residential school investigation.



MaryLouise has also held the positions of Detective Staff Sergeant - West Region Organized Crime (2015-2017), Detective Sergeant - West Region Criminal Operations (2008-2015), and Detective Constable/Constable - Haldimand Norfolk (1994-2008).

After her child died in 1999, MaryLouise established a scholarship at Cayuga High School to honour a student who excelled despite facing significant personal and academic challenges.

MaryLouise has a degree in Criminology and English from the University of Toronto and a diploma from the Ontario Police College. She has taken numerous courses in law, homicide, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abuse, and interviewing. MaryLouise has also instructed many courses in criminal investigations and people-centred leadership throughout the province.

She has received multiple letters of Accolade for Investigative excellence. Her most recent award in 2024 was for a Commissioner's Commendation for Investigative Excellence, where she led a Joint Forces Operation solving a high-profile murder. On retirement in 2024, MaryLouise joined Aviva Canada as a Major Case Investigator.

"I am privileged to serve on the Board of Directors for The Veritas Foundation, contributing to its mission of driving meaningful impact in the charitable sector," comments MaryLouise Kearns. "Philanthropy and community engagement have long been central to my purpose, and I am committed to fostering initiatives that create lasting and transformative change."

"MaryLouise is an exceptional individual who brings her unique driving force of excellence to our Board", commented Anthony Scilipoti, Chair of the Board of Directors of The Veritas Foundation. "We look forward to her active participation in helping to drive the impact of our charitable services to communities across Canada."

The Veritas Foundation is a non-profit charitable private foundation established and registered in 2016 with the Canada Revenue Agency (#732323126 RR0001). Its mission is to be Canada's authoritative source for individuals, groups and companies to participate in the country's charitable sector and evaluate its effectiveness and impact.

To accomplish this mission, the Veritas Foundation has created the Veritas Foundation Giving Fund (VGF), a Donor-Advised Fund. Veritas also provides donors and others with independent, fair, and respectful research into Canadian registered charities to help them evaluate and choose their favourite charities.



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