

Windsor and Surrounding Communities Respect Forum

October 14, 2025, 8:30 am to noon

Facilitator: Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired)

Morris Brause

Location: RCL Branch 594



Today's Agenda

- 1. Coffee and Meet and Greet 8:30 – 9:00 am and Welcome**
- 2. Greetings & Overview of Respect Canada and the forums 9:00-9:10 am**
- 3. Presentation One: Trauma, Deployment, Lasting Effects on First Responders – Deputy Mayor Mike Akpata 9:10 – 9:30 am**
- 4. Presentation Two: 9:30-10:00 am- MFRC – Dan LeBlanc**
- 5. Presentation Two: 10:00-10:25 am – Buddy Check Coffee/ Open House – David Woodman**
- 6. Health Break Coffee 10:25-10:40 am**
- 7. Presentation Three: 10:40-11:05 am – LaSalle Police Update – Cst Chris Williams**
- 8. Presentation Four: 11:05-11:30 am – Provision of Support for PTSI – Erin Jordan**
- 9. Open Round Table – issues/ concerns/ updates from participants 11:30-11:50 am**
- 10. Service Mapping and Womens Outreach 11:50-11:55 am**
- 11. Closing Remarks 11:55-noon**

Respect Forum Vision and Mission

Our Vision – To ensure that those who run to danger in service of their country and community have access to the support and care they need.

Our Mission – To promote collaboration and create focus through networking and knowledge sharing to help improve mental health services and reduce homelessness for men and women in uniformed service who run to danger.



What We Don't Do

- **Advocate** for anything or any approach other than collaboration
- **tell** people what to do
- **raise money** locally
- share information **without permission**
- **tolerate disrespectful comments** between groups

Participants – keeps growing!



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Respect
FORUM

Mieux ensemble
Better Together

Respect Forum meetings bring together a wide variety of people:

- **active military, police, EMS, Fire and Rescue and their associations and Chaplains – Religious leaders**
- **Peer Support Groups**
- **Veterans Organizations**
- **Veterans Affairs**
- **health and social services (CMHA)**
- **Family services**
- **Homelessness**
- **United Way**
- **EAP**
- **Peer Support Groups**
- **all levels of government including prisons, CBSA, etc**
- **colleges & universities**
- **community organizations**
- **private service providers (psychologists, social workers, counsellors)**

**City and Municipal
leaders who support
our agencies**

First Presentation:

Trauma, Deployment, and Lasting Effects on First Responders

LaSalle Deputy Mayor Mike Akpata –
Veteran, Former Police Officer, Dedicated person to
supporting Veterans and First Responders

Second Presentation:

Military Family Resource Centre Supporting Veterans, Serving Members and Their Families

**Dan LeBlanc – Windsor and Surrounding area Military
Family Resource Centre Rep; Retired Veteran; President
of the E&K Scot Regimental Association**

Third Presentation:

**Reflections of successes in
providing support to Veterans and
Serving Members in Buddy Check
coffee breaks and open houses**

**David Woodman, Veteran, RCL Branch 594
Service Officer/ First Vice President**

Health Break 10 minutes

Fourth Presentation:

Update on the LaSalle Police Services Peer Support Program Cst Chris Williams

Fifth Presentation:

**Provision of Support to members
suffering from PTSI**

Erin Jordan

Open Forum:

- ❑ Any updates from Windsor Police Svcs
- ❑ Fire and Rescue
- ❑ EMS
- ❑ Military
- ❑ Service Officers from Legions
- ❑ Counsellors / psychologists
- ❑ Military and Veterans Groups – any updates on your programs

- ❑ What presentations in the future would you like?
- ❑ What organization is missing and could provide valuable insights/ experiences/ lessons learned?

Respect Map

- Terry Telford is the Map Master
- Respect.outreach@gmail.com
- Terry is still fine tuning the Search Engine and data entry fields
- Goal is to have the Map working well

Women's Outreach

- Respect Women's Outreach Coordinator
 - Gisele Fontaine
 - Gisele will provide a slide for Facilitators explaining Women's Outreach program and opportunities
 - Gisele.Fontaine6@gmail.com
 - Feel free to reach out to Gisele!
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- **Potential for have Gisele arrange a forum based on outreach to women and the different approaches that may be required - discuss**

Meeting Wrap Up

Meeting notes and contact information

Don't forget, if it's not already done, to integrate your organization into our mapping by answering the mapping questionnaire. We need more groups that provide support for intervention and support to identify on our Respect Mapping Chart!

I will share with you all documents and presentations approved by the meeting participants, as well as the list of participants in today's meeting. You will get my report within 48-72 hours.

If you have concerns about confidentiality or sharing information (contact or otherwise), please inform the organizer or facilitator of your meeting

Next Forum In Windsor and surrounding areas – March 10th, 2027 – does this work for everyone?

We will:

Continue to find new participants

Promote your collaborations

Invite participants to present their organizations/Services

Tell us what you would like to see or hear at the next Forum!

Contact: morbrause@gmail.com

Mapping contact: Terry: outreach@respectcanada.org

With your permission, this information will be captured and shared with you as part of the meeting report. Themes will be captured to promote collaboration in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Please communicate your permission for these activities.



***Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Morris Brause
SW Ontario Facilitator for Respect Forum***

***Thank you for
supporting our
forum today – see
you on 10 March
2027 in Windsor
and do not forget
to recruit more
participants!***

Morris