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Canadian Police and Peace Officers Remembered

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arliament Hill in Ottawa was the scene of the 27th annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service on September 26 to honour the six police officers who died in the line of duty in 2003.

An honour guard composed of officers from the Correctional Service of Canada's five regions marched up Wellington Street to Parliament Hill where they joined other branches of law enforcement for the ceremony.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada Anne McLellan gave the welcome address, laid a wreath and later welcomed guests, police and peace officers and their families to a reception in Parliament's Centre Block.



Acting Commissioner Don Head had a smile and a warm handshake for each correctional officer who attended. Left to right: Don Head, Risk Assesment Officer Launa Gratton, Grand Valley Institution, CX2 Linda Boston, Bath Institution.



Correctional Officer and Guard Commander Gordon Jack led the CSC Honour Guard up to Parliament Hill.



Hats of the fallen officers were prominently displayed during the ceremony.