



MEDIA ADVISORY

Ontario Health Coalition to release new report *SITUATION CRITICAL* – HOMICIDE AND VIOLENCE IN ONTARIO’S LONG-TERM CARE HOME

The Ontario Health Coalition is releasing a new report, *Situation Critical*, across Ontario from January 21st to February 5th.

Situation Critical is a new report that examines government data to reveal the current shocking state of long-term care in Ontario. Among all the data that the Ontario Health Coalition has collected on long wait lists, inequities, staffing shortages, and medical needs is a statistic that over the last 5 years measured there were 27 homicides. It is part of a rising tide of violence among residents of long-term care facilities. Why is this happening? This Ontario Health Coalition report bases its assessment of the current state of long-term care in Ontario and what the needs of our population of seniors are from available data from the long-term care industry and the Ontario government. The Ontario Health Coalition will provide copies of the long-term care report at local news conferences and local first-hand accounts of conditions in long-term care locally following the themes of the report. The report is being toured around 30 towns around Ontario from January 21st to February 5th.

Note: The public are invited to observe press releases.

Monday, January 21

WHERE: Queen’s Park Media Studio, Main Legislative Building, Toronto
WHEN: 11:30 am
WHO: Devorah Goldberg, Research and Campaign Manager (phone) 416-441-2502, Natalie Mehra, Executive Director

WHERE: Chatham, Unifor Hall, 450 Riverview Dr.
WHEN: 10:00am
WHO: Shirley Roebuck

WHERE: Wallaceburg - Interview
WHEN: 11:30 am
WHO: Shirley Roebuck

WHERE: Sarnia, Coffee Lodge, 400 Exmouth St.
WHEN: 2:00 pm

WHO: Shirley Roebuck

WHERE: Sudbury Public Library Main Branch, 74 MacKenzie St.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Dot Klein

WHERE: North Bay Legion, 150 First Ave.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Ann McIntyre & Blanche-Helene Tremblay, Devorah Goldberg

WHERE: Smith Falls, Royal Canadian Legion, 7 Main Street E.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Ross Sutherland

Tuesday, January 22

WHERE: Hamilton Public Library Main Branch, 2nd Floor Program Room

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Janina Lebon

WHERE: Burlington Central Library, Frank Rose Room, 2331 New St.

WHEN: 1:30 pm

WHO: Tom Corrothers

WHERE: London, Neighbourhood Legal Services, Board Room, 151 Dundas St.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Peter Bergmanis3

WHERE: Peterborough Public Library Main Branch (Board room downstairs), 345 Aylmer St. N.

WHEN: 11:00 am

WHO: Roy Brady
Charlene Avon

WHERE: Windsor, Mackenzie Hall, 3277 Sandwich St. W.

WHEN: 11:30 am

WHO: Ken Lewenza Jr.

WHERE: Oshawa, Parkview Senior' Residence, 25 John St.

WHEN: 11:00 am

WHO: Trish McAullife

Friday, January 25

WHERE: Stratford Public Library, 19 St. Andrew St.
WHEN: 10:30 am
WHO: Treena Hollingworth

WHERE: Guelph, Public Library, East Branch, 1 Starwood Dr.
WHEN: 10:30 am
WHO: Magee McGuire

Monday, January 28

WHERE: Tillsonburg, Oxford County Public Library, Tillsonburg Branch, Program Room, 2 Library Ln.
WHEN: 10:30 am
WHO: Bryan Smith

WHERE: Huntsville, Bullock's Independent Grocer, 131 Howland Dr.
WHEN: 12:00 pm
WHO: Peter Cross
Devorah Goldberg, Research and Campaign Manager

WHERE: Woodstock, Southgate Centre, 191 Wellington St. S.
WHEN: 1:30 pm
WHO: Bryan Smith

Tuesday, January 29

WHERE: Thunder Bay, 55+ Centre, 700 River St.
WHEN: 10:30 am
WHO: Jules Tupker

WHERE: Kingston, United Church, 82 Sydenham St.
WHEN: 10:30 am
WHO: Mathew Gventer

Wednesday, January 30

WHERE: Ottawa, Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset St. E.
WHEN: 1:00 pm
WHO: Al Dupuis

Friday, February 1

WHERE: Kitchener-Waterloo, Waterloo Public Library Main Branch, 35 Albert St.
WHEN: 10:00 am

WHO: Jim Stewart

WHERE: Barrie Public Library, Painswick Branch, 48 Dean Ave.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Patty Coates

WHERE: Pembroke Public Library, 237 Victoria St.

WHEN: 12:00 pm

WHO: David Lipton

Monday, February 4

WHERE: Simcoe, Royal Canadian Legion, 200 West St.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Roy Brady
Charlene Avon

Tuesday, February 5

WHERE: St. Catharines Public Library Main Branch (Rotary Room), 54 Church St.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Sue Hotte

WHERE: Grimsby, Livingston Activity Centre, 18 Livingston Ave.

WHEN: 1:30 pm

WHO: Sue Hotte

WHERE: Cornwall, Benson Centre, 800 Seventh St. W.

WHEN: 10:30 am

WHO: Elaine McDonald

WHERE: Cobourg, Horizons of Friendship, 50 Covert St.

WHEN: 12:00 pm

WHO: Linda Mackenzie-Nicholas