



April 12, 2018

Good morning, everyone:

It is with profound sadness that I inform you of the passing of Constable Ian Jordan. Ian was involved in an on-duty motor vehicle accident on September 22, 1987, which resulted in injuries that left him in a coma until his death last night.

Ian sustained his injuries while responding to a business alarm and collided with another responding unit at Douglas and Fisgard streets. On that night, Ian was at headquarters (then located on Fisgard Street) as he had suffered a minor injury and was being sent off shift. As the call came in, Ian responded to it instead of heading home, which showed Ian's commitment to his job and his dedication to his community. The other responding officer and a close friend of Ian's, retired Sgt. Ole Jorgensen, suffered a serious leg injury in the collision.

As tragic as this incident was, its enduring legacy was the establishment of a "trauma team," which was the forerunner of our Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team. This team is now an essential component of how we assist members and staff after traumatic incidents of all kinds.

Ian is survived by his wife Hilary and son Mark, who are in our thoughts and prayers. As you know, it has been a very difficult journey for the family. I spoke to Hilary late last night and offered my condolences on behalf of the department. We will make sure Ian's family is supported through this difficult time.

A service with full police honours is planned and details will be announced once known.

Chief Manak

