

# GUARDIANS OF THE CHILDREN

## KINGSTON CHAPTER

September/October 2020



### Our Mission Statement

**The Mission of Guardians of the Children Canada is to Empower and Protect Abused Children. To remain Passionate about keeping Children Safe and to raise awareness by educating communities to give these Courageous "Lil" Warriors a voice that is heard.**

***"Don't Let Your Silence Drown Out Their Cries"***

### Upcoming Events:

- Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Remembrance Day
- Lil' Warriors Christmas Party
- Recruitment

### Empower the Children Ride 2020

On September 19th, we hosted our 5th annual ride. We were blessed with great weather – albeit cold to start! Our Road Captain, Cracker plotted a perfect route for us. Nature was on our side, displaying full colours of the season. We were fortunate that so many of our fellow bikers were able to attend and support our Chapter.

- Commandos Canada MC
- Veterans Society MC
- CMC 072
- CMC 002
- Red Knights
- Ghostmen
- GOC Toronto
- GOC Brockville
- Plus so many independent riders

### Thank you to our Sponsors for this event:

- Foodland Amherstview - Jason and Tammy for hosting, use of their parking lot, donating, cooking, serving food to all the hungry riders that came back.
- Photosave, Paul Wash Professional Photographer
- Tommy's
- Sigrids
- Smoke N Barrel
- Rockport Cruises
- Spearhead Brewery
- KPM (Kingston Process Metallurgy)
- Loblaw's Midland
- Ink Well Tattoo's
- Toucan
- J E Agnew Food Services
- Steel Fashion's Gananoque
- WuzzGonna Patricia support vehicle

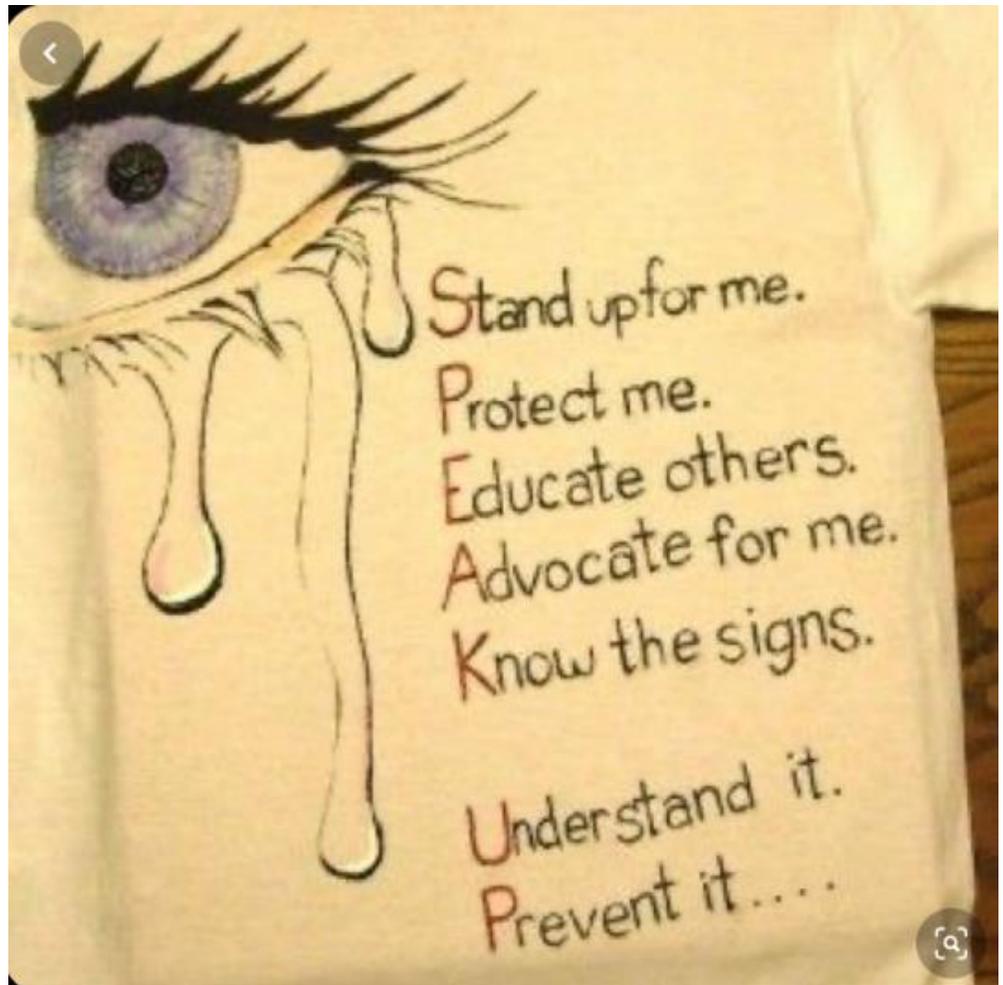
## Do You Know the Warning Signs of Abuse?

### Warning Signs:

- Unexplained bruises especially on the face, lower base, thighs or upper arms
- Unexplained bruises on an infant
- Different coloured bruises, indicating they're at different stages of healing
- Unexplained fractures
- Constant complaints such as sore throats or stomach aches that have no medical explanation
- Lack of proper hygiene
- Clothing inappropriate to weather conditions
- Torn, stained or bloody underwear
- Irritation, bruising, bleeding, pain or itching near genitals or anus
- Bruises on breasts, buttocks or thighs
- Sudden onset of nightmares, bed wetting and/or fear of the dark
- Sudden change in attitude towards someone
- Expressing sexual knowledge not usual for their age in their language, behaviour or play
- Becoming anxious and fearful after being outgoing and friendly

**Remember:** these are warning signs. They do not necessarily mean abuse is happening. But, especially where one or more signs are noticed in the same child, there's cause for concern.

There is so much that you can do!



**Have you considered joining the Guardians of the Children?**

**UNTIL MY LAST BREATH  
I WILL PROTECT**

**AND DEFEND THE INNOCENT.  
I am a Guardian of the Children!**

**Thank you GOC Windsor for this powerful message about our purpose and for sharing this.**

**Putting on the Guardian patch comes with expectations. Are you ready?**

Are you ready to listen, as a child tells you their pain? Are you ready to read between the lines, and see the abuse even if it is not disclosed? Are you ready to ask 'how' and 'why' did this happen to such a sweet child? Are you ready, for the day you feel a child's pain? Are you ready to sit in court, and listen to the tragedy of what happened unfold? Are you ready to remain a rock for that child? Are you ready for the moment you meet the perpetrator in court? Are you ready to withhold the rage you feel against them, so the child can get justice? Are you ready to make the tough call to protect a child from their own family? Are you ready to hear a child is afraid? Are you ready to listen to parents tell you their anger, fears, and hurt? Are you ready to tell them, this is going to be a long process? Are you ready to see the despair in a parent's face, when they say, 'its my fault'? Are you ready to see monsters do exist?

**I ask you again: Are you ready to wear my patch?**

Are you ready to be a voice, for children who don't have a voice? Are you ready to educate others how they can make a difference? Are you ready to see a family become strong again? Are you ready to see a child's life changed? Are you ready to see a child move past their pain? Are you ready for the day a child gets victory in court? Are you ready for the moment a child opens up, and hugs you – for the first time? Are you ready when you get to witness a child stand strong in court? Are you ready to hear a child give an impact statement, and profess they are no longer a victim? Are you ready to hear a child tell you they have found hope? Are you ready for a child who wants to be an advocate for other children because they learned from you? Are you ready to watch a child, who thought life was over, run and play? Are you ready to see a child gain their childhood back? Are you ready to hear a parent say 'we've got our baby's back'? Are you ready to see there are heroes in this world? Are you ready to help a child be a victor? Are you ready to be an answer to a child's prayer?

**Again, I say, putting on the Guardian patch comes with expectations. Are you ready?**

**If your answer is yes, let us know as you are ready to join our team in this fight against evil!!**

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**OR**

**Call Us at 343-364-1635**

**OR**

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## Meet a Member of our Team!



**Name:** Reg (AKA Cracker)

**Position:** Sargent at Arms

**What do you Ride?** Suzuki 1500 Intruder

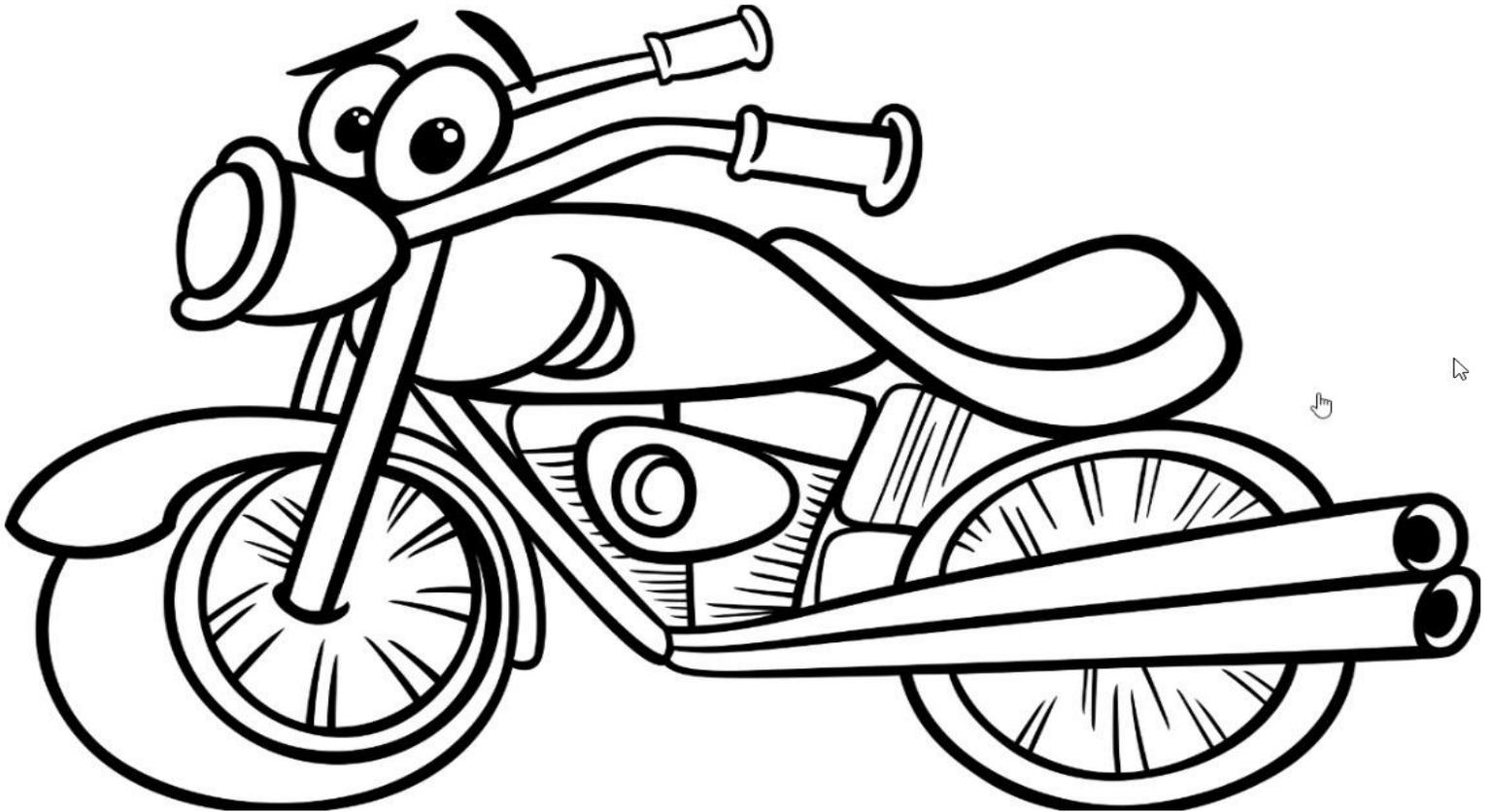
**What is your favourite Movie(s)?** Fast & Furious

**What do you do in your spare time?** I like to tinker in my garage and build things. Bird houses, wooden beds, trailer for my bike etc. Also hang out with my grandsons and family.

**When did you join the GOC?** February 2016

**Why did you join the GOC?** I spent 31 years as a Volunteer Fire Fighter in the area where I grew up. When I retired from there I still wanted to be active in our community and sadly there was a need for help with abused children that touched my heart and I wanted to be a part of an organization that could hopefully make a difference in a child's life. Every child deserves to just be a kid.

## FUN ACTIVITY FOR KIDS



"VALOUR, TRUTH & INTEGRITY IS THE GUARDIAN WAY"