

Shooting in smalltown Ontario

By Justin Chin and Samantha Quinn

After a night of chaos on Wednesday in the small town of Tamworth, two men are dead and two injured after a shooting.

The injured man has been confirmed to be a local firefighter. The man has been taken to a hospital, along with a woman who was also injured during an attempted carjacking.

Ken Kirkpatrick recalls what his daughter, Karen Cassidy, the injured woman, said to the gunman. "She said, 'Don't kill me. I have children,' and he said 'so do I and I've already killed somebody.'"

"We are presently investigating," said Ontario Provincial Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kristine Rae.

"Napanee OPP officers responded to a serious incident yesterday at 5 p.m. We had two adult males that are dead. We have an adult male and adult female being treated for serious injuries."

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was called in to investigate the incident that included six crime scenes, following their mandate to examine all cases involving serious injuries or death to police officers.

OPP declined to release any names at this time as next of kins are being informed.

"We have not confirmed identities yet," Rae said.

The six crime scenes include two areas on County Road 15, two area homes, the Tamworth fire hall, and the local post office. OPP have cordoned off the post office Thursday afternoon.

Tamworth is located 30 kilometres north of Napanee with a population of approximately 500 people. Residents are close with the victims.

Although police say there is no threat to public safety the community feels unsafe.

"I think I will be moving soon after this incident," said Charlie Way, a resident of Tamworth.

"This is terrifying (to know this has happened)," said Vicki Bearence, 29, mother of two, who lives across from the post office. She didn't hear the shooting until a neighbour informed her.

"I guess I won't let the kids out and play now."



Photos by Justin Chin

(Above) Ontario Provincial Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kristine Rae speaks to media at the local post office, one of the crime scenes in Tamworth, Ont., on Thursday. Ontario Provincial Police responded to a serious incident last night, which left two dead and two injured. Ontario's Special Investigations Unit are currently investigating.

(Right) Charlie Way, a resident of Tamworth, said he will be moving soon after the shooting incident.

For video on the Tamworth tragedy, go to: <http://www.qnetnews.ca/?p=34916>



Clinic offers staff and students chance to test for TB

By Justin Chin

There are no known active cases of tuberculosis at Loyalist College after the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit offered a TB skin test clinic for students and staff on Tuesday.

The health unit offered the clinic after a student was diagnosed with an active case of TB in October 2013.

A notice was sent via email to all students and staff by Maureen Piercy, presi-

dent of Loyalist College, on behalf of the health unit on Oct. 24, 2013.

"The Loyalist College community is at very low risk of acquiring TB from this student. However, we understand that some staff and students may still be concerned," said the health unit.

Approximately 10 students and staff showed up for the skin test clinic on Tuesday. "I came to the test clinic because it was in the building and it was available," said Suzanne Churchill, an architectural

professor at Loyalist. "I am not worried."

Manwinder Kaur, a second-year applied health administration student participated in the test clinic as a "precaution" and she is also not concerned. It was Kaur's second skin test. Her last test was performed in August.

"There's as much chance of catching TB here than at the Quinte Mall," said Lauren Deans, the student services health centre registered nurse at Loyalist. "You would normally get infected in big cities

like Toronto or Vancouver."

Deans said this is the first TB case Loyalist College has dealt with in 13 years when she started working here.

General signs and symptoms of active TB include fever, cough, weight loss, sweats and loss of appetite.

TB is transmitted through the air and is highly contagious, according to a hand-out provided by the health unit.

However, people can infect with TB without showing any symptoms or continue be

contagious many years after being infected.

The skin test administers a small amount of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, a dosage of TB, onto the patient's skin. If there is swelling around the infected area, then the patient would be tested positive for TB and is required to take antibiotics.

The test requires 48 hours for an accurate reading after the test is administered.

Another skin test clinic will be available for both students and staff on March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the health centre.

Pink day raises awareness about bullying

By Sarah Taylor

It was a day full of pink and awareness against bullying at Loyalist College on Wednesday.

"I have and I have friends and family that have been through it at different stages in life.... It's definitely a subject that hits close to home for most of us, I think," said organizer and mental health nurse Sarah Ogden.

Pink Shirt Day started when two boys in a high school in Nova Scotia witnessed a younger boy being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The next day, they showed up to school wearing pink shirts themselves. Since then, the stance has taken over the nation to raise awareness about bullying.

"It can carry on through every stage of life, whether it be school, work, social media is a big place where it happens. I think it's just important that we spread the word on how it can impact people in a really negative way. Everyone should be accepted for who, they are with all their differences and unique qualities," said Ogden.

Bullying can sometimes continue on past high school years. Cassie Wag, a student and volunteer, has experienced bullying during her time at Loyalist.

"I had a few instances in my program due to my extracurricular activities. I do suspension, which is where you hang from hooks in your skin. A couple comments were made about that like how I should go hang myself already," said Wag.

Many schools around the country as well as public figures supported the day

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by wearing pink. At Loyalist, there were several events going on to get people involved. A bake sale was held in the Shark Tank from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which sold out well before the end.

"All the proceeds go to Three Oaks, which is a shelter for abused women and their children," said Ogden.

Workshops were also held throughout the school on how to create a safer and environment for LGBTQ students while on campus. Loyalist student and Rainbow Lions supporter Bryanna Ormshaw volunteered at the bake sale to show her support against bullying.

"I think it's been less of a problem now than it has before in the last five years. I don't stand for it. I do what I can to help with it," said Ormshaw.



Photo by Sarah Taylor

Sarah Ogden organized Loyalist's Pink Shirt Day on Tuesday. A bake sale, workshops and viewing of the documentary, *Bully*, all took place to raise awareness about bullying.