

Sharon Ann TAYLOR

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DETACHMENT(S): Gore Bay 1985 – 1988

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SILENT PARTNER STORY

On June 10, 1985, Sharon Taylor moved with her husband, Jeff to Gore Bay OPP Detachment. Jeff Taylor was the Detachment Commander for just over three years, and during that time their living accommodations were part of the OPP detachment building.

Jeff and Sharon considered the accommodations as “living at the office,” as Sharon was regularly called upon to voluntarily help out with several different tasks. When Jeff, the other police officers and the secretary were not at the office, people would often knock on Sharon and Jeff’s residence door to ask for assistance.

When the officers were out on patrol during the evenings and weekends, Sharon supported them by assisting the people who came to her door. She took messages for the officers, provided general information to the public, explained to people where the officers were, and gave directions for finding the doctors and the hospital. If immediate attention was needed, Sharon phoned the officers direct or contacted them by way of the radio room (dispatch office) at the OPP Sudbury headquarters.

On a few occasions when the Taylors left their door open, while their daughter was playing outside, members of the public walked right inside their home. During the influx of tourists between June and September each year, Sharon helpfully dealt with an assortment of public inquiries several times a

week, all adding to her unique experience during her husband's three-year posting at Gore Bay detachment.