

IT IS TIME FOR THE THE PROVINCIAL AND
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REALIZE

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARE FIRST RESPONDERS



Invitation to Members of the Legislative Assembly

On November 10th, members of the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers (UCCO-SACC-CSN) gather to raise awareness about our profession as first responders and the levels of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in our occupational group. We are calling upon the provincial and federal governments to adopt a presumption for PTSD for Correctional officers, as recommended by the report of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, published in October.

UCCO-SACC-CSN members fall under the Provincial WCB act and regulations, and it is for this reason that we are having this event here. It is time to open the doors and allow everyone to witness our harsh realities in our jobs protecting Canadians.

We are first responders and spend our days behind the walls with the worst criminals in the country. As shown in our video Bloody Cells, that you can find online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1R5a4eNCq_A, our job exposes us to traumatic situations on a day to day basis. More than 25% of correctional officers suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). We want the governments to take action, right now.

WHEN: Thursday, November 10th, at noon

**WHERE: Behind the Provincial House
Corner of Granville and Georges St.**

We are asking for your support on this very important issue that could change the life of thousands of correctional officers, not only here in Nova Scotia, but also all across the country.

Regards,

Jeff Wilkins, *Atlantic Regional President, UCCO-SACC-CSN*