



## **MANPREET JAISWAL MASTER OF ARTS IN DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2009**

With a background in International Development and Globalization, Manpreet decided to combine her interest in international terrorism studies with the evolving field of emergency management. So, with the help of her professors and advisors, she wrote a Major Research Paper on terrorism and conflict in Sri Lanka, a topic that had been of interest to her since the beginning of her academic studies.

Manpreet is currently working for Emergency Management Ontario with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Since joining the organization in 2008, she has had the opportunity to contribute not only to the advancement of provincial emergency management programs, but also to the safety and well-being of Ontarians by responding to a broad range of emergency situations such as the flooding in James Bay, the H1N1 outbreak and the G8/G20 summits.

### **When you're not working, where can we find you and doing what?**

You can find me doing sanshou (kung fu kickboxing) at the Hong Luck Kung Fu Club, or 'slapping' my bass.

### **What advice would you give students fresh out of university?**

Never lose sight of your goals, no matter how discouraged or intimidated you may feel. If an opportunity arises, don't disqualify yourself – go for it!

### **Thing that you're most passionate about:**

Music and human rights: Music because it will never let you down or leave your side; Human rights because everyone should be treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their economic, social, and/or political status.

### **What are your future ambitions?**

I hope to be able to get into event security coordination. It would be such a great experience to be part of a team that prepares for human safety and security at large-scale concerts and sporting events through various methods of planning and coordination. A record deal would be nice too!