

MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Richard Stubbings
Assistant Deputy Minister
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SUBJECT: **Police Week 2023: May 14-20, 2023**
**Provincial Theme “*Building Bridges: Celebrating Police*
- Community Partnerships”**

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Police Week is an annual recognition week that focuses on increasing community awareness and acknowledgement of police services, while strengthening partnerships between police and those they serve. It is an opportunity to commend all members of police services for their strong commitment to keeping Ontario safe.

Since 1970, Police Week has taken place in May to coincide with Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is internationally recognized on May 15. As such, May 14 to 20, 2023, will be designated Police Week in Ontario.

The provincial theme for 2023 is “***Building Bridges: Celebrating Police - Community Partnerships***”. This year’s theme provides an opportunity to use in-person events, social media, or other platforms to celebrate the collaborative efforts of police services with their communities and local partners to combat local priority risks and address overall community safety and well-being in Ontario. It also highlights the importance of these partnerships that encourage an integrated approach to service delivery and emergency response efforts.

Similar to previous years, police services across the province are encouraged to use the hashtag **#PoliceWeekON** to promote local efforts during Police Week 2023, including highlighting the great work of local officers and the positive impact they have on their communities. If your police service is interested in submitting a program to be featured on the Ministry of the Solicitor General’s social media channels during Police Week, please complete the attached template and email it to

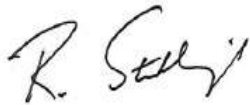
Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Oleisha.Burleigh@ontario.ca by May 5, 2023, along with a photo that the ministry has permission to use on social media. The ministry will review and may use submissions to create posts that will be shared on @ONsafety (Facebook and Twitter).

In addition, the ministry has developed a web banner to help promote Police Week 2023 on your local websites and through social media. Please visit the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) website (www.oacp.ca) to download the banner.

If you have any questions about Police Week 2023, please contact Shamitha Devakandan, Community Safety Analyst at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Oleisha Burleigh, Junior Community Safety Analyst at Oleisha.Burleigh@ontario.ca.

As always, I would like to thank the OACP for its support throughout the planning process and sharing this year's Police Week materials on its website.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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