

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

FROM: Kenneth Weatherill
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SUBJECT: Police Week 2024: May 12-18, 2024
Provincial Theme “*Join Policing: Keep Ontario Safe*”

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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 12 to 18, 2024, will be designated Police Week in Ontario.

The provincial theme for 2024 is “*Join Policing: Keep Ontario Safe*”. This year’s theme provides an opportunity to use in-person events, social media, or other platforms to celebrate the policing profession in an effort to bring awareness to the profession and increase recruitment, while highlighting how our police services continue to keep our province safe.

Similar to previous years, police services across the province are encouraged to use the hashtag #PoliceWeekON to promote local efforts during Police Week 2024, including highlighting various professions within the police service, and the great work of local officers and the positive impact they have on their communities. If your police service is interested in submitting a profession or program to be featured on the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry)’s social media channels during Police Week, please complete the attached template and email it to Ashika.Sharda@ontario.ca and Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca by **May 8, 2024**, 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 X).

In addition, the ministry has developed a web banner to help promote Police Week 2024 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 2024, please contact Shamitha Devakandan, Community Safety Analyst at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Ashika Sharda, Junior Community Safety Analyst at Ashika.Sharda@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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