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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:**

Stephen Beckett  
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Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

**SUBJECT:**

**Crime Prevention Week 2017**

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This year, November 5-11, 2017, has been designated Crime Prevention Week in Ontario. As in past years, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (ministry) will promote an emphasis on crime prevention and community safety and well-being during this annual event. Locally, Crime Prevention Week provides an opportunity for police services to highlight successful partnerships in areas where the police and community work together to prevent crime.

This year's provincial theme is "**Building Safer Communities Together**". It promotes community safety and well-being as a shared responsibility, including the strategic engagement of multi-sector partners at the local level. The theme also emphasizes the importance of building capacity and implementing local community safety and well-being strategies to address crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis.

As part of Crime Prevention Week, the ministry will be formally releasing the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet. The booklet consists of the Community Safety and Well-Being Framework (Framework) as well as a toolkit of practical guidance and resources to assist communities as they engage in the community safety and well-being planning process. The Framework encourages communities to move towards preventative planning and investment in social development, prevention and risk intervention, in order to reduce the need and related investment associated with over reliance on emergency/incident response.

Similar to previous years, the ministry will be using social media during Crime Prevention Week to showcase various programs that promote a collaborative approach to community safety and well-being. If your police service is interested, please complete the attached template (Appendix A) and send it to [Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca](mailto:Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca) by October 27, 2017, along with a photo that the ministry has permission to use on social media. The ministry will use the information and photos provided to create tweets that will be posted on the @ONsafety Twitter account.

Police services across the province are also encouraged to use the hashtag **#CPWeek2017** to promote their local events and activities, as well as re-tweet ministry communications throughout Crime Prevention Week. Further, if you are planning an activity for Crime Prevention Week and you would like to share it with the ministry, please complete the template attached (Appendix B) and email it to [Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca](mailto:Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca) by October 27, 2017.

Lastly, the ministry has produced a web banner which will be made available on the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) website ([www.oacp.ca](http://www.oacp.ca)). In addition, the OACP will be developing other Crime Prevention Week materials. You are encouraged to access these materials and share them with members of your community through your activities and events throughout Crime Prevention Week.

If you have any questions about this year's provincial approach to Crime Prevention Week, please contact Natalie Brull, Community Safety Analyst at [Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca](mailto:Natalie.Brull@ontario.ca) or (416) 326-5635.

As always, I would like to thank the OACP for their continued support in providing valuable input throughout the planning process and for posting Crime Prevention Week information and materials on their website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Beckett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachments