



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

FROM: Stephen Beckett
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SUBJECT: **Release of the *Community Safety and Well-Being
Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario*
Booklet**

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Further to the All Chiefs Memorandum (index no. 17-0063) distributed on October 24, 2017 regarding Crime Prevention Week 2017, I am pleased to provide you with the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet (*A Shared Commitment in Ontario*). This booklet provides guidance to municipalities, First Nations, and their partners as they engage in community safety and well-being planning and collaborative service delivery at the local level.

A Shared Commitment in Ontario outlines the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework and includes a toolkit of practical guidance to assist communities as they develop and implement local community safety and well-being plans. Specifically, the booklet encourages communities to work collaboratively across sectors to identify local priority risks to safety and well-being, and implement evidence-based strategies to address those risks, with a focus on prevention and social development. It also encourages the identification of new and innovative ways to improve service delivery, including incident or emergency response services.

A Shared Commitment in Ontario was developed using evidence-based research, as well as practical feedback from local practitioners from eight pilot communities that tested components of the booklet. Further, learnings from our on-going community

engagement sessions have also been incorporated to ensure the booklet is as helpful as possible to support communities as they move through the planning process. The booklet was also reviewed by the ministry's Inter-ministerial Community Safety and Well-Being Working Group, which consists of 10 provincial ministries as well as Public Safety Canada, to further incorporate multi-sectoral perspectives.

A Shared Commitment in Ontario represents the cornerstone of the Strategy for a Safer Ontario, and also marks the third and final phase of the Provincial Approach to Community Safety and Well-Being (Provincial Approach). The Provincial Approach was developed in three phases to address crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis. Phases one and two resulted in the release of the ministry's first two booklets:

- *Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action*, and
- *Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices*.

The third booklet is a follow-up to the first two phases and should be read in conjunction with these booklets. All of these materials are available on the ministry's website at: <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Policing/ProgramDevelopment/PSDGrantsandInitiatives.html>.

I encourage you to read *A Shared Commitment in Ontario* and share it with your staff, community partners and the public. We know that communities are doing a lot of great work to enhance the safety and well-being of Ontarians, and this booklet is meant to further support our local partners as they continue to address crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our inter-ministerial, policing, and community partners, who have supported the development of the Provincial Approach. Your expertise and feedback have been invaluable to this process.

If you have any questions about the booklet, please contact Tiana Biordi at Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca or Emily Jefferson at Emily.Jefferson@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment