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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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SUBJECT: **Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Training – Provincially
Coordinated Strategy**

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As you may know, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) has committed to training 1,500 Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Officers by July 1, 2018 in preparation for the legalization of cannabis. The Ontario Police College (OPC) is assuming a coordinating role for the SFST training across the Province to enhance the current complement of trained SFST Officers and SFST Instructors.

To ensure that police services are better equipped to respond to the potential increase in incidences of drug impaired driving post-legalization, the OPC is launching the Drug Impaired Driving (DID) Initiative. The DID is an accelerated regional training strategy, targeting 63 SFST Courses and 2 SFST Instructor courses that are set to occur across the Province between December 2017 and July 2018.

Further information regarding the course schedule, including location and dates, will be communicated by the OPC via Training Bureaus by the end of November into early December 2017.

MCSCS, through the OPC, will be looking for your cooperation and support in delivering this important initiative. For instance, assistance and support with leveraging existing training facilities to meet regional needs (as needed) and providing officer resources to build our instructor complement.

If you are interested in learning more about the DID Initiative, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following individuals:

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Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Sincerely,

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

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