



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

FROM: Stephen Beckett
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

SUBJECT: **Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Training Update**

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On November 22, 2017 (ACM 17-0069), I communicated the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' commitment to train 1,500 officers in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) by July 1, 2018 in preparation for the federal legalization of cannabis. Training began in November 2017 and, to date, 258 officers have successfully completed the course and 21 instructors have been trained.

The Ontario Police College (OPC) is coordinating SFST training and has worked with police services to develop a schedule to meet your organization's needs (see attached). Please note, the schedule is subject to change. For questions about registration or scheduling, please contact Cherly Yeo at opceregistrar@ontario.ca or (519) 773-4203.

SFST training is offered to police officers at no cost – the ministry will reimburse police services for all candidates' travel, meals and accommodation expenses. Salary and overtime costs will not be reimbursed. The ministry will also compensate host agencies that run SFST courses, for facility and alcohol workshop costs.

The ministry requests police services to continue to provide SFST instructors to help facilitate our training initiatives. If instructors are provided to OPC, the ministry will reimburse police services for travel, meal and accommodation expenses incurred by these instructors as well as offer a \$600 per diem for the duration of the course to offset their salary costs.

For questions about reimbursement, please contact Paul Hebert, A/Director – OPC, at Paul.Hebert@ontario.ca or (519) 773-4200.

Finally, the ministry is developing a long term plan for building road side detection capacity beyond July 1, 2018. To ensure that we accurately assess the number of SFST and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officers that will be required over the next five years and how training will be delivered, we are requesting each police service to fill out the following survey that can be accessed via

<http://surveys.opcva.ca/index.php/935889/lang-en> prior to **Friday, March 2, 2018**.

Your input is critical as this information will help the ministry to develop a multi-year training plan and will assist the province with its effort to seek federal government funding to support community safety and enforcement related to the legalization of recreational cannabis.

Thank you for your continued support on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'DKasias'.

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Attachment – Training Schedule