



MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Interim Commissioner B.W. (Brad) Blair
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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

SUBJECT: **Release of the updated *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet (Version Two)**

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Building on the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario (A Shared Commitment in Ontario)* booklet, released on November 10, 2017 (index no: 17-0065), I am pleased to share the attached updated version which includes additional supports for municipalities, First Nations and their partners as they undertake the community safety and well-being planning process.

The updated version can also be found on the Ministry's website at:
<https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/MCSCSSSOPlanningFramework.html>.

As you are aware, *A Shared Commitment in Ontario* outlines the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework and includes a toolkit of guidance documents to assist communities as they develop and implement local community safety and well-being plans. 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 social development, prevention and risk intervention.

In support of this work on a modernized approach to community safety and well-being, the Ministry has continued to engage with its municipal, policing and provincial partners to make enhancements to the booklet. *A Shared Commitment in Ontario* (Version Two) includes a new critical success factor which highlights the importance of cultural responsiveness in the planning process, as well as a new tool that assists municipalities with engagement of Indigenous partners as part of their municipally-led community safety and well-being planning.

I strongly encourage you to read the updated version of *A Shared Commitment in Ontario* and share it with your staff, municipal partners and more broadly, with community members. I know that many communities across Ontario have already made great progress towards improving local safety and well-being, and the enhancements to the booklet are intended to further support your collaborative efforts to address crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis.

Again, I would like to extend my thanks to our many partners who have supported the Ministry throughout the development of this booklet. Your expertise and feedback are invaluable and I look forward to continuing our ongoing collaboration as the province moves forward with this modernized approach to community safety and well-being.

If you have any questions about the updated booklet, please contact Tiana Biordi, Community Safety Analyst, at Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca or Jwan Aziz, Community Safety Analyst, at Jwan.Aziz@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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

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Attachments