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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Chiefs of Municipal Police Departments in Ontario

Commissioner of Ontario Provincial Police

FROM: Dr. Dirk Huyer, Chief Coroner for Ontario

RE: Provincial Rail Summit 2019

I am writing to support and encourage the participation of officers from your service in an upcoming educational and collaborative event.

The Provincial Rail Summit, co-led by police, railway agencies and the Office of the Chief Coroner, will take place on November 18, 2019 at the Toronto Police College. The purpose of this event is to enhance collaboration between all members of the investigative team - policing services, transit special constables, railway police, the rail industry and investigating coroners. All share a responsibility for ensuring high quality investigation of rail fatalities while minimizing the impact to public safety.

The Summit will introduce the new Ontario Collaborative Protocol for Rail Death Investigations (O-CPRDI) and include case-based presentations from coroners, pathologists, police and railway experts. The focus will be on lessons learned, investigative protocols and how these should be adopted or adapted by your service. This will be an opportunity for you to provide input into how the protocols may be improved upon, based on your local experience.

Registration is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, or to register for the Provincial Rail Summit, please email:

Provincialrailsummit2019@metrolinx.com.

Sincerely,

Dirk Huyer, MD

Chief Coroner for Ontario