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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Marc Bedard
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Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

SUBJECT: **Data Sources to Support Community Safety and Well-Being Planning**

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As you know, on January 1, 2019, new legislative amendments to the *Police Services Act* came into force, which mandate municipalities to prepare and adopt community safety and well-being (CSWB) plans in collaboration with their multi-sectoral partners, including police services and boards. As part of the planning process, partners must utilize data from multiple sources and conduct community consultations to identify local priority risks to safety and well-being. Data plays an important role in the planning process, as it ensures that partners are identifying risks that are most prevalent in the community in order to truly address the needs of vulnerable groups and ultimately, save lives and prevent crime, victimization and suicide.

In response to feedback received from our stakeholders, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) has developed a resource document, which outlines examples of data sources available to support the planning process. This resource document was developed in collaboration with the ministry's Inter-Ministerial Community Safety and Well-Being Working Group, which consists of representatives from nine Ontario ministries and the Federal government. Specifically, the document highlights examples of sector-specific data that is available at the provincial, regional or local level, which can be leveraged to assist in the identification of local priority risks in the community.

We know that communities are already doing a lot of great work to enhance the safety and well-being of Ontarians, and this resource document is meant to further support our local partners as they continue to develop and implement local CSWB plans.

I encourage you to share this resource document with your staff as well as with your municipal and community partners. As we move forward with CSWB planning in Ontario, the ministry is continuing to explore ways to support communities as they undertake the planning process and implement programs and strategies identified in their local plans.

If you have any questions regarding the CSWB planning process, please contact Steffie Anastasopoulos, Community Safety Analyst at Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca or Tiana Biordi, Community Safety Analyst at Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Bedard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" and last name "Bedard" clearly distinguishable.

Marc Bedard
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