

Memorandum



November 2019

To: Marc Bedard
Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division
Ministry of the Solicitor General

From: Ontario Police Health and Safety Committee
Labour and Management Co-Chairs

Re: *Guidance Note (GN) #6: Hazards in Clandestine Drug Labs and Illegal Marijuana Grow Operations - revised*

The Ontario Police Health and Safety Committee (OPHSC) is appointed by the Minister of Labour under Section 21 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* for the purpose of advising the Minister of Labour and making recommendations on occupational health and safety issues that affect police personnel across Ontario.

As you know, police personnel face unique occupational health and safety hazards that may not specifically be addressed in Ontario's *Police Services Act*, its regulations, or in supporting policing guidelines.

The OPHSC has revised *Guidance Note #6: Hazards in Clandestine Drug Labs and Illegal Marijuana Grow Operations* to expand on the risk assessment process and to include reference to *CAN/CGSB/CSA-Z1640-18 Personal protective equipment (PPE) for investigating and dismantling clandestine drug laboratories*.

The OPHSC is seeking your support in ensuring this guidance note is distributed broadly within the policing community.

Sincerely,

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Mark Baxter
Labour Co-Chair
Police Association of Ontario

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Bryan Larkin
Management Co-Chair
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