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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
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SUBJECT: **Update on the Ontario Police College**

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We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it continues to evolve. On the social distancing advice of public health officials, we would like to provide the following updates related to the Ontario Police College (OPC).

Basic Constable Training Program

The current Basic Constable Training (BCT) program will continue as scheduled with some adjustments:

- The program will run through the weekend of March 21 and 22 and will conclude on Thursday, March 26 at noon.
- March Past Ceremony will be cancelled and rescheduled to a future date.
- Recruits will continue to be trained onsite at OPC on weekends.
- Visitors will not be allowed onsite for the duration of the BCT program.
- All after-hours non essential activities (e.g., Talent Show) have been cancelled.

The OPC Health Centre will remain open for the duration of the intake and will be actively monitoring the health of all recruits and staff.

The OPC will be reconvening the Executive Education and Training Advisory Group (EETAG) to meet regularly in the very near future to discuss the upcoming May 2020 and future BCT intakes, including where required possible alternative service delivery options (e.g., online learning, in-service training).

As the situation is fluid, further communication will be provided as soon as possible on future intakes.

Senior Specialized Courses

Some senior specialized courses starting on March 23, 2020 until April 10, 2020 are cancelled; however, they will be rescheduled. Courses include:

Course	Course Code	Date	Location
Sexual Assault Investigation	SAI-2002	March 23 – April 2	Halton
Criminal Investigation Training	CIT-2005	March 23 – April 2	NAPS
PowerCase for the Command Triangle	PCCT-2002	March 23 – 26	OPC
Investigative Interviewing Techniques	IIT-2004	March 30 – April 3	Sudbury
Homicide Investigation	HI-2001	March 30 – April 3	OPC
Forensic Shooting Scene Examination	SSE-2001	March 30 – April 3	OPC
Human Trafficking Investigation	HT-2001	March 30 – April 3	OPC
IACP: Leadership in Police Organization	LPO-2001c	March 30 – April 3	OPC
Synthetic Drug Operations Re-Certification	SDRC-2001	March 31 – April 1	OPC
Advanced CPIC Query	ACQ-2002	April 7 – 8	OPC
Synthetic Drug Operations Re-Certification	SDRC-2002	April 7 – 8	OPC
Professional Police Practice: Delivering Service Excellence	PDSE-2002	April 7	Hamilton
Professional Police Practice: Managing Service Excellence	PMSE-2002	April 8	Hamilton

The current Basic Forensic Identification course will continue as scheduled.

The OPC may be required to cancel additional classes and events as the situation with COVID-19 evolves. We will update you of any cancellations as soon as possible.

Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training

All Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Training has been cancelled until April 10, 2020. Impacted courses include:

Course Code	Date	Location
SFST-2020	March 23 – 26	Sudbury
SFST-2021	March 23 – 26	Toronto
SFST-2023	March 30 – April 2	Hamilton
SFST-2024	March 30 – April 2	Orillia
SFST-2022	March 30 – April 2	Ottawa

The post-BCT SFST course scheduled for April 3 – 9, 2020 is also cancelled.

Drug Recognition Expert Training

The Drug Recognition Expert training scheduled to occur in Jacksonville, Florida from May 28 – June 2, 2020 has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Promotional Exams

All promotional exams scheduled for March 29, 2020 have been postponed. Further communication regarding the rescheduled date will be forthcoming at a later date.

Should you have any questions related to registration, please contact the OPC Registration Office via e-mail at OPCRegistrar@ontario.ca. All other inquiries should be directed to the OPC Administration team via e-mail at OPC.Admin@ontario.ca.

Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Bedard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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