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

FROM: Richard Stubbings
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SUBJECT: **Police Week 2020 – May 10-16, 2020**
Provincial Theme “*Leading the way to safer communities*”

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Police Week is an annual recognition week that is focused on increasing community awareness and acknowledgement of police services, while strengthening partnerships between police and the community they serve. This week provides an opportunity to highlight all members of police services that contribute to keeping Ontario's communities safe and resilient.

With the ongoing circumstances concerning COVID-19, police service personnel, and their community partners, are playing critical roles in protecting Ontarians. The government acknowledges the courageous efforts of the police, as well as other frontline service providers, for their commitment in supporting the pandemic response.

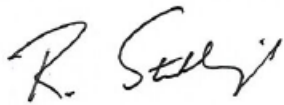
This year, May 10 to 16, 2020, will be designated Police Week in Ontario and the provincial theme is “***Leading the way to safer communities.***” This week aims to promote the profession of policing in Ontario and commend staff for their dedication and commitment in keeping our communities safe.

While it is important to celebrate Police Week, we know that police services are focused on keeping communities and people safe as part of their response to COVID-19 and may want to consider a scaled back, social media targeted plan for Police Week. Police services across the province are encouraged to use the hashtag **#PoliceWeekON** to promote local efforts during Police Week 2020, and to highlight police service personnel (both civilian and sworn) and the important work they do.

In addition, the ministry has developed a web banner to help promote Police Week 2020 on your local websites and social media. Please visit the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) website (www.oacp.ca) to download the banner.

If you have any questions about Police Week 2020, please contact Claudia Tenuta at Claudia.Tenuta@ontario.ca. As always, I would like to thank the OACP for its support in the planning process and for sharing this year's Police Week materials on its website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

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