

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

FROM: Richard Stubbings
Assistant Deputy Minister
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SUBJECT: **Police Week 2021 – May 9-15, 2021**
**Provincial Theme “*Working Together to Keep our*
Communities Safe”**

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Police Week is an annual recognition week that focuses on increasing community awareness and acknowledgement of police services, while strengthening partnerships between police and those they serve. It is an opportunity to commend all members of police services for their strong commitment to keeping Ontario safe.

Since 1970, Police Week has taken place in May to coincide with Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is internationally recognized on May 15. As such, **May 9 to 15, 2021** will be designated Police Week 2021 in Ontario.

This year’s provincial theme is “***Working Together to Keep our Communities Safe***”. With the on-going challenges associated with COVID-19, now more than ever, police service personnel and community partners are playing a critical role in protecting Ontarians. The theme provides an opportunity to use social media, or other online platforms, to showcase the great work of police services across Ontario. It also emphasizes the importance of ongoing collaboration between police and community partners to support a holistic approach to service delivery and response efforts.

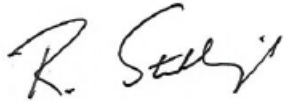
Similar to previous years, police services across the province are encouraged to use the hashtag **#PoliceWeekON** to promote local virtual efforts during Police Week 2021,

including highlighting the great work of local officers and the positive impact they have on their communities.

In addition, the ministry has developed a web banner to help promote Police Week 2021 on your local websites and social media. Please visit the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) [website](#) to download the banner.

If you have any questions about Police Week 2021, please contact Emily Jefferson at Emily.Jefferson@ontario.ca. As always, I would like to thank the OACP for its support in the planning process and sharing this year's Police Week materials on its website.

Sincerely,

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