

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

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SUBJECT: **In-force date of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019***

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On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I would like to thank all our policing partners for your support throughout the regulatory development process. We are greatly appreciative of the in-depth feedback that was provided on the regulations.

As a result of this collective effort, the regulations that are required to bring the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) into force have been approved by Cabinet and filed. They can now be accessed publicly online through e-Laws page – linked [here](#).

I am writing to you today to inform you that **April 1, 2024**, has been proclaimed as the official date on which the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* will come **into force**.

All police services are expected to be ready to comply with the Act and its regulations starting on the in-force date. To prepare for these changes, policing partners are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the requirements under the CSPA and its regulations and make any necessary operational and process changes.

The upcoming 2024 [CSPA Training Summit](#), organized by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Police Association of Ontario, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Senior Officers Police Association, will serve as a forum to provide a shared understanding of the Act and its regulations. It will also

provide an opportunity for the ministry to support the policing sector toward operational readiness and help clarify any outstanding questions.

The Inspectorate of Policing will also act as an important resource to support the policing sector leading up to CSPA in-force. To this end, the Inspectorate's Police Services Advisors will continue to work directly with police services, chiefs of police, and police services boards to provide liaison and advisory services toward readiness to transition to the new CSPA framework. This includes current efforts to pilot an updated inspection process, establishing a robust data collection approach, and assisting policing partners to navigate any issues that surface during implementation. The Inspectorate of Policing will continue to engage with other stakeholders including police associations.

As we work together towards CSPA in-force, the ministry will seek to provide you with timely information to inform local operational planning and implementation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your respective Police Service Advisor with questions pertaining to the CSPA or to learn more about the Inspectorate's work.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support on efforts to advance the modernization and continuous improvement of police services in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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