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By email

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Dear Heads of Council and First Nation Chiefs:

I am pleased to share that the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) came into force on April 1, 2024, and would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to you and your communities. You have been instrumental in shaping the compositions for the newly established Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board framework.

The detachment board framework, as laid out in the CSPA and the new OPP Detachment Board Regulation, introduces a modernized approach to OPP policing by providing avenues for greater civilian governance. It ensures that each municipality and First Nation community receiving policing services from the OPP has an opportunity to represent their local perspectives, needs, and priorities.

The regulation with details of the board compositions and other board matters is available here: [O. Reg. 135/24: OPP DETACHMENT BOARDS \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/regulation/135/24).

With the OPP detachment board framework now in effect, I would like to remind you of some key operational requirements.

Detachment Board Catchments

The maps that are referred in the regulation are attached for your reference. These maps have been developed to show the catchments for situations in which there are multiple boards for the same detachment. Should you have any questions related to the maps or OPP detachment board regulation, please contact Rachel Ryerson, Manager of the Public Safety Policing Policy Unit, at Rachel.Ryerson@ontario.ca.

Training and Appointments

With the new framework there are three types of appointments to the new OPP detachment boards as set out in the regulation: members who are members of a council of a municipality or band council of the First Nation; members representing the community who are neither a member of the council or band council of, nor an employee of the municipality or the First Nation; and provincial appointees. The appointment of council and community representatives are to be conducted locally, with the communities and First Nations assuming responsibility for the process for making appointments identified in the regulation.

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Agency Profiles have been created on Ontario's Public Appointment Management System (PAMS), that will be used to facilitate the appointment of provincial appointees to OPP Detachment Boards ([OPP Detachment Board – Public Appointments Secretariat \(gov.on.ca\)](#)).

All board members are required to have completed mandatory roles and responsibilities training before exercising their responsibilities as detachment board members. Information regarding the roles and responsibilities training and provincial appointments have been shared with detachment leads who are the key contacts identified collectively by the communities after 2021 for each detachment who have acted as the liaison for the Ministry of the Solicitor General, municipalities and First Nations throughout this process. Should you have any additional questions regarding the training and the provincial appointments, please contact the lead for your detachment. If you need help identifying the lead for your detachment, please contact Rachel Ryerson, Manager of the Public Safety Policing Policy Unit, at Rachel.Ryerson@ontario.ca.

Police Service Advisor Support

As you may know, the Inspector General's duties under the CSPA include collaborating with detachment boards to tackle local issues and offer guidance on CSPA compliance. For any further inquiries or for more information, please reach out to the designated Police Services Advisor within the Inspectorate of Policing. If you need help identifying the Police Services Advisor for your specific region, please contact Jeeti Sahota, A/Manager, Police Services Liaison Unit, Inspectorate of Policing, at Jeeti.Sahota@ontario.ca.

I would like to thank you once again for your continued collaboration and significant support in this ongoing process.

Sincerely,



Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General

- c. Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M., Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
- Commissioner Thomas Carrique, C.O.M., Ontario Provincial Police
- Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Lisa Darling, Executive Director, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards
- Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Leads