

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

**FROM:** Stephen Waldie  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

**SUBJECT:** **Operational Firearm and Less Lethal Weapon Survey**

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The Ministry of the Solicitor General (“ministry”) is canvassing police services with respect to firearms and less lethal weapons and munitions to understand what is currently in use across the province. This information will assist the ministry in policy development in the area of law enforcement weapons.

To support this work, the ministry is requesting police services to submit information in the attached spreadsheet according to the following categories (*organized as tabs*):

1. Firearms:
  - a. service handguns;
  - b. firearms carried by or authorized to be carried by the Chief of Police/Commissioner of the OPP pursuant to s. 3.1(1) and 3.1(2) of Reg. 926, Equipment and Use of Force, under the *Police Services Act* (i.e., “special purpose” firearms);
2. Impact weapons (e.g., baton);
3. Conducted energy weapons;
4. Impact munitions (e.g., baton/bean bag rounds) and their delivery systems (e.g., shotgun, ARWEN); and
5. Chemical munitions/agents (e.g., gas, OC) and their delivery systems (e.g., hand held, launchable).

Please include operational weapons and munitions only, and not those used for training purposes such as inert OC.

The ministry is collecting this information pursuant to the Solicitor General's responsibilities under the *Police Services Act*. The collection, retention and disclosure of information will be carried out in accordance with all applicable legislation.

The ministry requests that police service boards and chiefs of police provide the completed survey to Lisa Sabourin, Standards Development Officer, at [Lisa.Sabourin@ontario.ca](mailto:Lisa.Sabourin@ontario.ca) by **August 1, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa by e-mail or at 416-859-9323. We appreciate your assistance, and would like to thank you in advance for your contribution to the survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Waldie', is positioned above the typed name and title.

Stephen Waldie  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

Attachment

FIREARMS

| Police Service | Make | Model | Calibre | Action Type | Magazine Capacity | Barrel Length | Optics<br><i>Specify Type or leave blank if non-existent</i> | Lighting System<br><i>Specify Type or leave blank if non-existent</i> | Laser/IR Designator<br><i>Specify Type or leave blank if non-existent</i> | Ammunition<br><i>Specify Type</i> | Handgun Holster Make | Handgun Holster Model | Purpose for which firearm is used<br><i>E.g., general patrol, tactical, containment, undercover</i> |
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**IMPACT WEAPONS**

**Police Service**

**Make**

**Model**

**Description**

**Purpose for which impact weapon is used**

*E.g., general patrol, tactical, public order*

**CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPONS**

**Police Service**

**Make**

**Model**

**Purpose for which CEW is used**

*E.g., general patrol, tactical*

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**IMPACT MUNITIONS**

| <b>Police Service</b> | <b>Make</b> | <b>Model</b> | <b>Description</b> | <b>Delivery System</b> | <b>Make</b> | <b>Delivery System</b> | <b>Model</b> | <b>Delivery System<br/>Calibre</b> | <b>Purpose for which impact munition is used</b><br><i>E.g., general patrol, tactical, containment, public order</i> |
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CHEMICAL MUNITIONS

| Police Service | Make | Model | Description<br><i>Including stream, fog, foam, cone</i> | Delivery System<br><i>E.g., hand held or launchable</i> | Make<br><i>For <b>launchable</b> delivery system only, otherwise leave blank</i> | Model<br><i>For <b>launchable</b> delivery system only, otherwise leave blank</i> | Calibre<br><i>For <b>launchable</b> delivery system only, otherwise leave blank</i> | Purpose for which chemical munition is used<br><i>E.g., general patrol, tactical, public order</i> |
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