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

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SUBJECT: **Drug Impaired Driving Detection Training and
Enforcement**

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Through the Federal-Provincial Drug Impaired Driving Contribution Agreement, Ontario and the federal government are enhancing supports for law enforcement across the province to help ensure communities and roads are safe from drug-impaired driving.

Under the agreement, the federal government will provide Ontario with \$17 million in additional funding over five years (2018-2023) to enhance drug-impaired driving enforcement on Ontario roads.

The funding will support costs incurred for police training (OPP, municipal, and First Nations) and roadside drug detection device procurement, as well as measurement of the effectiveness of the roadside detection tools and prosecution process of alcohol and drug impaired driving.

Training and Device Survey

The ministry developed a long-term plan for building road side detection capacity over the next five years using information submitted in the demand survey circulated on March of 2018. To ensure and confirm that we accurately assessed the training and Approved Drug Screening Equipment (ADSE) demand, we are requesting each police service to fill out the following surveys by **June 14, 2019**.

The updated surveys require police services to identify the anticipated demand of:

- SFST Training Requirements - <http://surveys.opcva.ca/index.php/414889/lang-en>
 - officers for 2019-23
 - instructors for 2019-23
 - officers that need refresher for 2019-20
- DRE Training Requirements - <http://surveys.opcva.ca/index.php/272991/lang-en>
 - officers for 2019-23
 - instructors for 2019-23
- Alcohol Screening Device (ASD) / Approved Drug Screening Equipment (ADSE) - <http://surveys.opcva.ca/index.php/221793/lang-en>
 - ADSEs for 2019-23
 - Questions related to ASD

The surveys will also include a section with questions related to the potential replacement of the alcohol screening equipment (i.e., Intoxilyzer). The OPP and the Centre of Forensic Sciences (CFS) have begun the process of identifying a replacement instrument for the Intoxilyzer. It is anticipated that this instrument may go into service by 2021/22. Please make sure you answer the questions in the survey to enable CFS to plan for the associated training within the breath testing program.

Your input is critical as this information will help the ministry to validate the multi-year training plan and will assist the province with its effort to seek continued federal government funding to support community safety and enforcement related to the legalization of recreational cannabis.

The ministry will communicate further details of eligible expenses in 2019/20 that will be covered by the province with support from the federal government, including the purchase of ADSEs, and the reimbursement process, by June 30th.

Thank you for your continued support on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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