

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

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
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Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** Expansion of the Basic Constable Training Program

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I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) is expanding the Basic Constable Training (BCT) program from 60 days to 66 days; this increase in training days will impact the Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 BCT Intakes. The expanded program will allow for the delivery of critical enhanced training in the areas of Immediate Rapid Deployment (IRD) training and Mental Health Crisis Response Training (MHCRT).

***Immediate Rapid Deployment (IRD) Training***

A provincial IRD course has been developed for both the BCT program and all police services across Ontario to ensure consistent training and a seamless interoperability approach in response to high-risk events involving active attacks.

The training will result in an extension of the in-person BCT training by three days.

***Mental Health Crisis Response Training (MHCRT)***

The ministry has mandated additional mental health crisis training that is being incorporated into the BCT program.

During the delivery of the BCT program at OPC, recruits will be exposed to various immersive and interactive training scenarios dealing with persons in crisis and will be assessed by a trainer.

The specialized training will result in an extension of the BCT program by an additional three days, which will be done online via remote training prior to arrival for the in-person training.

**2023 Intake Dates**

- Spring 2023 – April 27 – August 2, 2023
- Fall 2023 – August 30 – December 6, 2023

Intake	Online Training	Registration	In-person Training	March Past
Spring 2023	Apr 27 – May 1	May 3	May 4 – Aug 2	Aug 2
Fall 2023	Aug 30 – Sep 1	Sep 6	Sep 7 – Dec 6	Dec 6

Note: 1 travel day is included between the online training days and registration.

Please note that the BCT program fee will remain at \$15,450.

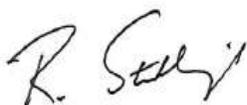
If you have any questions regarding the expansion of the BCT program, please contact Director Paul Hebert via e-mail at [Paul.Hebert@ontario.ca](mailto:Paul.Hebert@ontario.ca).

Police services are also being asked to update their requests for seats via the Ontario Police College’s Virtual Academy (OPCVA) at <https://www.opcva.ca/course-allocations/service/basic-constable-training>.

**All requests must be submitted no later than March 10, 2023.** You will receive e-mail confirmation that your request for seats has been received. Allocations will be distributed once the OPC assesses the requests for seats.

If you have any questions related to registration, please contact the OPC Registration by email at [OPC.Registrar@ontario.ca](mailto:OPC.Registrar@ontario.ca) or phone at (519) 773-4216. If you require any assistance accessing the OPCVA, please contact the Ontario Police College’s Distance Learning Unit via email at [OPCDL@ontario.ca](mailto:OPCDL@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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