

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

FROM: Richard Stubbings
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SUBJECT: **Changes to the Basic Constable Training (BCT) Program**

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In an effort to support police services across the province to recruit and train more police officers, I am pleased to announce the following changes to the Basic Constable Training (BCT) program delivery:

1. Increased Recruit Capacity in 2023

The Ontario Police College (OPC) will be expanding the maximum number of recruits trained from 480 recruits per intake to 550 recruits for the following intakes:

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

This increase in capacity will help increase the OPC's ability to meet the immediate recruitment needs of police services.

2. Increased Recruit Capacity in 2024

The OPC will be offering an additional fourth BCT intake starting in 2024. This will allow for increased capacity to train recruits from 1,440 annually to 2,000.

Dates for the four intakes in 2024 will be communicated to police services through an All Chiefs Memo later this year. Police services will be able to update their 2024 requests for seats through the Ontario Police College Virtual Academy (OPCVA).

3. Tuition Waiver

Effective immediately, the ministry will be waiving 100% of the tuition fees for the BCT program for a period of three years. Recruits attending the BCT program starting on April 27, 2023, will not be required to pay tuition for the BCT program.

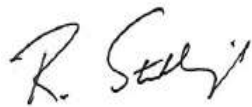
4. Tuition Reimbursement

The ministry will also be reimbursing the tuition for recruits who attended the January 2023 BCT intake. The OPC will communicate with impacted recruits and services directly once a mechanism for reimbursement has been finalized.

Should you have any questions related to the changes, please contact Ontario Police College Director Paul Hebert by email at Paul.Hebert@ontario.ca.

Questions related to updating seat requests on the OPCVA should be directed to the OPC Distance Learning unit by email at OPCDL@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Stubbings'.

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