

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

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SUBJECT: **Retirement Notification – Ontario Major Case
Management Provincial Lead Shelley Tarnowski**

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I am writing to share information about changes in the provincial leadership of Ontario Major Case Management (OMCM).

After a 30-year career with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), including three years as the Provincial Lead for Ontario Major Case Management (OMCM), **Detective Inspector (D/Insp.) Shelley Tarnowski** is retiring from the OPP.

Over the course of her policing career, Shelley has been an unwavering advocate and a pioneer for victim-centred supports and has been instrumental to improving the understanding of, and enforcement responses to, vulnerable populations that have experienced, and are at higher risk of violent victimization.

Shelley has liaised with municipal police services across the province to identify strengths and opportunities to optimize utilization of and compliance with OMCM. Most recently, serving at the helm of OMCM, Shelley has played a central role in modernizing OMCM by leading the upgrade of PowerCase software, introducing new resources to better support police services to apply OMCM methods, advancing rebranding efforts with a new OMCM visual identifier, conducting engagements to refresh the OMCM manual to be more user-friendly and supporting the development of a clearer OMCM regulation under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Please join me in extending congratulations to Shelley for her contributions to public safety in Ontario over her career, and her retirement.

I am pleased to announce that effective May 15, 2023, **Detective Inspector Joseph DeCook** will be assuming the role of Provincial Lead for OMCM.

D/Insp. DeCook has been a Major Case Manager in the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, Investigation and Support Bureau, since 2021. He commenced his policing career with the Dresden Police Service and went on to the North Bay Police Service in 1994, before joining the OPP in 2001. D/Insp. DeCook became a Detective Constable in the Criminal Investigation Unit with OPP North Bay Detachment in 2003, and was promoted to Sergeant in April 2007 to the Professional Standards Bureau. In 2011, he joined the North East Region Support Team and, in 2015, became the Area Crime Supervisor for North Bay Detachment.

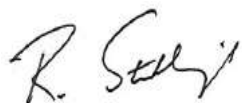
In 2018, D/Insp. DeCook served as the North East Region Lead for the OPP's newly created Victim Response Support Unit (VRSU), implementing the Provincial VRSU Strategy. In this position, he created and chaired a diverse, multi-discipline Regional Collaborative Review Committee responsible for reviewing sexual assault investigations and informing the OPP on best investigative practices through a trauma informed approach.

D/Insp. DeCook was also a recipient of the 2019 Amethyst Team Award in recognition of his teamwork in VRSU and for supporting victims of sexual assault and managing sexual assault investigations and training in the OPP through a trauma informed lens.

D/Insp. DeCook holds diplomas in Law and Security and Computer Programming from Lambton College and has completed courses at the University of Windsor and Nipissing University. He is an Incident Commander and has completed several criminal investigation courses including Major Case Management Command.

Please join me in congratulating Detective Inspector Joseph DeCook on his leadership appointment and welcoming him to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Sincerely,



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