

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

FROM: Ken Weatherill
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SUBJECT: **Crime Prevention Week 2023 – Provincial Theme and Approach**

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This year, November 5 to 11, 2023, has been designated Crime Prevention Week in Ontario. Crime Prevention Week provides an opportunity to showcase the successful collaborative efforts between police services and community organizations as they work towards the common goal of preventing crime and creating safe, resilient communities across Ontario.

This year's provincial theme, "**Awareness. Engagement. Prevention.**" enables police services to promote the benefits of raising awareness on the most pressing issues to public safety while showcasing collaborative responses with local partners to crime and social issues related to safety and well-being. The theme also allows police services to inform members of the public about what they can do to stay engaged and support community safety initiatives.

The ministry will use social media during Crime Prevention Week to increase awareness about crime prevention and community safety and well-being. Police services may wish to reshare and [follow](#) the ministry throughout Crime Prevention Week.

If your police service is interested in submitting an initiative, please complete the attached template and email it to Shamitha Devakandan, Community Safety Analyst, at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Oleisha Burleigh, Community Safety Analyst, at Oleisha.Burleigh@ontario.ca by **October 31, 2023**, along with a photo that the ministry has permission to use on social media.

The ministry will review the information and photos provided and may use submissions to create social media posts on Twitter/X and Facebook (**@ONsafety**).

Police services across the province are also encouraged to use the hashtag **#CPWeek2023** to promote your own local initiatives, online events and activities that align with the provincial theme and demonstrate collaborative approaches to crime prevention and overall community safety and well-being.

To support police services, the ministry has developed social media shareables for Crime Prevention Week. Please visit the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) website (www.oacp.ca) to access the images. I would like to thank the OACP for providing input during the planning process and posting crime prevention materials on its website.

If you have any questions about this year's provincial approach to Crime Prevention Week, please contact Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and Oleisha.Burleigh@ontario.ca.

Thank you all for your ongoing efforts in helping to build safer, stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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