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**By email**

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Dear Special Constable Employers:

As we have passed the one-month mark of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) coming into force, I would like to thank you for your commitment and dedication to coming into alignment with the requirements set out in the Act and Regulations.

As a follow-up to the communications sent to you by the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Public Safety Division on March 15, 21, and 25, 2024, and to support you in your application to become an authorized special constable employer, please review [Ontario Regulation 396/23](#) to ensure your application is compliant with the requirements set out within. Additionally, the *Police Services Act* is no longer in force; therefore, documentation that is submitted in support of demonstrating that requirements are met should be current and reflect the CSPA, including the Memorandum of Understanding. Police Service Boards are encouraged to work with organizations that are seeking to become authorized employers, including updating documentation that is required under the CSPA in a timely manner.

Employers who currently employ special constables under the *Police Services Act* may continue to employ special constables whose appointments carry on for up to three years from when the CSPA came into force (i.e., up to April 1, 2027), or are set to expire before April 1, 2027, whichever comes first.

Expired special constable appointments cannot be renewed by the police service board of jurisdiction or the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police unless the employer is authorized as a special constable employer. No new special constables may be appointed unless the employer is an authorized special constable employer.

Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact [Andrea.D'Silva@ontario.ca](mailto:Andrea.D'Silva@ontario.ca) and [Sarah.Marshall@ontario.ca](mailto:Sarah.Marshall@ontario.ca), Senior Policy Advisors, External Relations Branch, Public Safety Division.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Di Tommaso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mario" and last name "Tommaso" clearly distinguishable.

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