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Dear Mr. Leach:

Thank you for your letter of November 18, 2022, regarding “knock and announce” (dynamic entry) policy recommendations.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has initiated a project to update Police Orders policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) related to dynamic entries. Work is underway to align these with the established jurisprudence and recommendations made by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD). The policy and SOP updates will address each of the themes identified in the OIPRD recommendations, including:

- operational oversight and accountability mechanisms for planning, executing and approving dynamic entries;
- accreditation of individuals involved in dynamic entries; and,
- consistent approaches to data collection and tracking to facilitate the review of OPP policies and SOPs for continuous improvement opportunities.

Consultations with internal stakeholders and other police agencies (who are members of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Dynamic Entry Working Group) have occurred. Given that numerous OPP policies and SOPs are impacted by the OIPRD recommendations, it is anticipated that updates will be completed by the second quarter of 2023. The OPP will provide a comprehensive response on our actions to each specific recommendation at that time.

As an interim measure, direction will be provided to OPP program areas to ensure operational alignment with OIPRD recommendations and jurisprudence. The issuance of such measures will be provided through the chain of command with a supporting internal communication strategy.



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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Thomas Carrique, O.O.M.

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