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## **Data Collection Initiatives for Municipal Police Boards**

The Inspector General of Policing (IG) and Inspectorate of Policing (IoP) have consistently emphasized the importance of high-quality data in discharging our legal mandate to monitor the delivery of adequate and effective policing and support police service boards in meeting their legislative obligations. To this end, the IoP will be launching two data collection initiatives.

### **1) Police Service Boards Information Form:**

From September 30 to October 18, 2024, seven municipal police service boards participated in our first phase of data collection. The IoP appreciates the engagement, support and feedback we received during the user testing phase from the following boards: Chatham-Kent, Cobourg, Durham Regional, Hamilton, North Bay, Ottawa, and Stratford.

Based on their feedback, the IoP has refined its processes and is now ready to launch the next phase of data collection to the remaining 36 municipal police service boards. Our Police Service Boards Information (PSBI) Form asks for a range of information related to your police service board, including the contact information details; board member composition and training of members; existence and review of policies; board budgets and resourcing; and information related to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Note: The municipal boards who already provided their information to the PSBI Form in October are not required to resubmit.

### **2) Policing Insight Statement:**

The IoP is pleased to share that it will be launching its Policing Insight Statement—an annual self-assessment survey for municipal police service boards to provide invaluable insights on leading practices and emerging issues impacting policing in their communities. The Policing Insight Statement will help the IoP understand gaps and issues related to policing service delivery and police governance, and how to support

the sector in addressing them. This is an important opportunity to get perspectives directly from those doing the work of police governance and will also help the IoP prioritize its work concerning key sector issues, leading practice development, and continuous improvement. This initiative will further aid the IoP's efforts to collect quality data and conduct robust analysis to drive evidence-based improvements in policing.

The self-assessment survey will entail answering 5 open text questions with limited word counts through an online questionnaire. Municipal police services and their boards will be asked to fill out separate but related questionnaires.

Data collection for the Policing Insight Statement with municipal police service boards will begin in conjunction with the PSBI Form in November 2024.

### **Information Sessions**

To support your board in understanding and responding to the two initiatives, the IoP will host information sessions in November to share the PSBI Form and Policing Insight Statement survey, provide a demo of the online data collection tool, and address any questions related to the data collection initiatives. Details will be shared with your board chair for further distribution. Please extend the invitation to any individuals who would be responsible for responding to either questionnaire.

Following the information sessions, your board chair will receive instructions on accessing the links to the Policing Insight Statement and PSBI Form.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact [IoPAnalytics@ontario.ca](mailto:IoPAnalytics@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your cooperation and leadership as we work together on addressing the challenges in the policing sector to help make everyone in Ontario safer.

Sincerely,



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