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Attention: Director Stephen Leach

Dear Director Leach;

I am in receipt of your notification letter dated November 18th, 2022 regarding dynamic warrant entries and the "knock and announce" rule.

First of all, considering the structure and make up of our Service and the community we serve, the likelihood of a no knock entry being performed by our members as part of a search warrant execution plan would be rare.

In consideration of this, we have taken the following actions to ensure the OIPRD's recommendations are considered in any future operational planning.

- Our Training Officer has been engaged and has disseminated the recommendations to all of our sworn staff. This will also be incorporated into our training plan for periodic training regarding search warrants and entries.
- Our procedures have recently been updated by a 3rd party contractor and the OIPRD's recommendations have been forwarded to that person to have them incorporated into an update for the relevant procedures. We expect those updates to be completed and rolled out in early 2023.
- Should any exigent circumstances create the need for a dynamic or no knock entry recommendation, it will require senior officer approval at the rank of Inspector or above, proper documentation, and those instances will be tracked for statistical purposes.

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I thank you for your continued role in safeguarding public trust in our police services and I trust this correspondence satisfies your request regarding our proposed course of action.

Regards;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig S. Ambrose', written over a horizontal line.

Craig S. Ambrose

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