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Dear Mr. Leach:

Re: OIPRD Notification Letter - Knock and Announce Rule (Dynamic Entries)

I am writing further to your correspondence dated August 17, 2023 with respect to the above noted as addressed to the OPP Commissioner, Ontario Police Chiefs, and Police Services Board Chairs, recommending police services review and adopt the Toronto Police Service Procedure 02-18 "Executing a Search Warrant".

At its meeting of September 28, 2023, the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (Board) considered a report from the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) providing the Board with information regarding the NRPS review and amendments made to its procedure GO-117 Search and Seizure, and advising that the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) recommendations related to the "Knock and Announce" Rule have been adopted. A copy of the NRPS report is attached for your reference.

On behalf of the Niagara Police Services Board, I would like to thank you for the opportunity respond on this important policing matter. We trust that the above is satisfactory and appreciate the OIRPD's guidelines on updating policies and training to align with current caselaw and best policing practices.

Yours truly,

Jen Lawson
Board Chair

Encl.

- c. Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board
Chief of Police Bryan MacCulloch, Niagara Regional Police Service