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Mayor / Reeves
All Ontario Municipalities

Dear Mayor / Reeve:

On June 14 and 28th, 2013, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) distributed Policing Updates, which are also currently posted on AMO's website. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) truly values its partnership with the AMO, particularly in its efforts to share information on policing matters; however, I am compelled to clarify some of the details contained in the June 28th document entitled, *OPP Billing Reform Survey - Urgent Matter, July 10th deadline*.

The content of the document indicated the survey "has now been distributed to all municipal CAOs or clerks via email" and that "All municipalities are encouraged to reply." The OPP has distributed the "OPP Billing Reform - Municipal Policing Cost Recovery" survey via email, but ONLY to the 323 municipalities to which it provides policing services.

There has been some misinterpretation of the content and intent of the AMO update.

Please be advised that municipalities with their own police services were not sent the surveys by the OPP and are not required to complete the survey. Only the information supplied in surveys completed by OPP-policed municipalities will be compiled.

To all OPP-policed municipalities that have completed the survey, thank you. Your input is very much appreciated.

The June 28th Policing Update also indicated that any billing changes would be in addition to the impact of the OPP's 2014 salary award increase. You may be assured that all of the work undertaken on any proposed billing changes will include salary impacts for 2014 and onwards.

I trust this addresses any concerns. Should you require further clarification on this matter, please feel free to contact Superintendent R.A. (Rick) Philbin, Commander of the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau, at 705 329-6200.

The OPP is committed to providing effective, efficient and professional policing services and to maintaining transparent dialogue with our partner municipalities.

Yours truly,

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