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### Ontario Association of Police Service Boards launches new public identity: Police Governance Ontario

Ontario, April 13, 2026 – The Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) is pleased to announce the launch of its new public-facing identity, **Police Governance Ontario (PGO)**.

This evolution reflects the growing importance of civilian police governance and the organization’s role in supporting effective, accountable, and transparent oversight of policing across the province.

While the organization will continue to operate under its legal name, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards, it will now conduct public-facing activities and communications as Police Governance Ontario (PGO).

The new name more clearly communicates the organization’s purpose to government partners, stakeholders, and the public, while positioning it for continued leadership in a modern policing environment.

“The transition to Police Governance Ontario reflects the growing expectations placed on police boards and the critical role governance plays in modern policing. This evolution will better equip boards with the tools, insights, and support needed to provide strong oversight, uphold accountability, and maintain public confidence.” **Al Boughton, Chair of the Board**

“This transition allows us to more clearly define our role in the policing landscape. Police Governance Ontario is focused on governance intelligence, helping boards understand not just what is required, but how to lead effectively in complex and evolving environments. Our goal is to help boards move beyond compliance and toward confident, effective governance.” **Lisa Darling, MOM, Executive Director**

“The transition of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards to Police Governance Ontario is an important step that reflects the evolving role of police governance in our province. Police service boards play a critical role in ensuring accountability, transparency and strong oversight of policing, helping to protect Ontario and its communities. Our government will continue to work closely with Police Governance Ontario and its members to support effective, community-focused policing.” **Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario**

“The transition to Police Governance Ontario reflects the vital role of police service boards under Ontario’s *Community Safety and Policing Act* and reinforces that effective policing depends on modern civilian governance that is grounded in high performance, accountability, and trust. The Inspectorate of Policing will continue to work closely with PGO’s leadership to elevate police governance across the province and meet the needs of the communities its members serve.” **Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario**

Over the coming weeks, the Police Governance Ontario identity will be reflected across digital platforms, communications, and resources, including a new website and updated email addresses.

During the transition period, both names may appear together to support continuity: Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (Police Governance Ontario).

The organization's mandate, partnerships, and commitment to supporting police governance across Ontario remain unchanged.

Police Governance Ontario continues to provide advocacy, education, training, and practical tools to municipal police service boards, First Nations police service boards, and Ontario Provincial Police detachment boards.

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