

Message from Chief of Police and Chief Administrative Officer

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Toronto Police Service's upcoming budget. **This year, we are committed to doing more, without asking for more.**

A 0% budget is not a feat we can accomplish every year – but this year is different. This budget is a reflection of the Service's priorities, direction set out by the Board, through the police reform roadmap, and informed by public input and feedback. The Service will continue to listen and ensure the budget reflects community safety priorities, while delivering policing services required of a world-class and growing City.

A growing city means more 911 calls, more traffic, and with more people, a potential for increased crime rates and more city events that require police presence. We are committed to finding a way to do more and demonstrate that we are acting on the community's input, while holding our budget flat. In fact, this is the third time in the last five years that we have requested no increase to our budget. Over time, this has resulted in anywhere from 500 up to 800 fewer officers, serving a city that has grown by over 140,000 residents between 2016-2019, alone.

We are not stopping here – these efforts of reform and budget management are part of an ongoing transformation journey, that will continually explore alternative service delivery models that will enable us to deliver public safety services in the most fiscally responsible, accountable and effective manner.

Even as we hold our budget steady, we are assigning additional resources to our neighbourhood officer teams, mental health response units, hate crimes team, gang prevention work and our traffic/road safety teams. This budget also includes a continuation of our modernization agenda – such as implementing body worn cameras, among others, to deliver intelligence-led, transparent and efficient policing, which is responsive to the needs of our communities.

This has been a difficult year for all of us in Toronto. One thing that gives us hope for the future is the bravery and optimism in our graduating class of cadets. For every 2,000 that apply, only 60 will undergo the intensive, 800-hour training regime, and graduate to become officers. In the most recent class, more than half of the cadets are women, and the graduates speak more than 40 different languages. We continue to invest heavily in training to ensure the safety of our community and our officers, because these officers represent our future. We have enhanced the rigorous training requirements to include greater emphasis on mental health, de-escalation and anti-racism topics, and are working towards a policing culture that is fair and bias-free to the diverse communities of this great city.

For this budget cycle, we are continuing our commitment to transparency, building on steps taken in the last cycle, such as publication of a line-by-line breakdown of our budget.

As we look ahead to next year's budget, if there is anything that we can do to help clarify or expand upon these important matters, please do not hesitate to be in touch at:

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