



NAVIGATING ENFORCEMENT WITH LEGALIZED CANNABIS

Wednesday, June 12th, 2019

Toronto Police College

Agenda



7:30–8:30am	Registration & Coffee
8:30–9:00am	<p>Opening Remarks & Introductions: TBD</p> <p>Participant Introductions: Name, organization and effect of legal cannabis on policing & calls for service</p>
9:00–10:30am	<p>Panel 1: Enforcing the New Cannabis Legislation Cannabis is now a legally regulated substance in Canada. Although cannabis can be purchased through provincially authorized entities, organized crime and the black market continue to thrive. Police services across Ontario and Canada are navigating new federal and provincial legislation to deal with illegal cannabis storefronts, dial-a-dope operations, pop-up shops, online cannabis sales and illegal cannabis grow operations. This session will explore enforcement models and efforts underway to remove illegal cannabis enterprises and operations from the legal cannabis market. A strong response to illegal cannabis activity extends beyond the frontline and into the provincial and federal court. The current state of cannabis cases, police relationship with crown counsel and operating procedures required to strengthen criminal cases will also be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Detective Inspector Jim Walker, Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, OPP Presenters: Superintendent Karl Thomas, Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, OPP Pat Burke, District Manager, City of Toronto Investigative Services James Palangio, Crown Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) Morris Pistyner, Chief Federal Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC)</p>
10:30–10:45am	Break
10:45–11:30am	<p>Regulating Cannabis The cannabis market is expanding. In Ontario, regulating the sale and distribution of cannabis is a provincial responsibility, including the role of the Alcohol and Gaming Corporation (AGCO) in the licensing of eligible retail store operators and managers. This session will provide an update on the work underway by the Cannabis Secretariat to support enforcement efforts through the next stages of the cannabis regime. The AGCO’s work with retail operators to ensure regulatory compliance and reporting criminal activity to the police of jurisdiction will also be discussed.</p> <p>Presenters: Renu Kulendran, Executive Director, Ontario Legalization of Cannabis Secretariat (MAG) Elizabeth Yeigh, Director, Office of Strategic Engagement, Strategy and Policy Division (AGCO) Peter Cotrufo, Senior Manager, Regulatory Compliance (AGCO)</p>

11:30–12:30pm	<p>Panel 2: Drug-Impaired Driving</p> <p>The new drug-impaired driving legislation strengthened law enforcement ability to remove individuals driving under the influence of a drug, particularly cannabis. To ensure police officers can better enforce the law, the federal and provincial government have invested in officer training to better detect impairment on Ontario roads. This session will introduce impaired driving research currently underway in Ontario and provide an update on the federal funding program available to police services for training and device deployment across the province. The session will also look at enforcement trends, challenges and best practises (e.g. blood draws), as well as recent use of the oral fluid screening device.</p> <p>Moderator: Yoassry Elzohairy, Manager, Road Safety Research Office, Ministry of Transportation (MTO)</p> <p>Presenters: Sergio Guillermo, Training Strategy and Program Development, Ministry of the Solicitor General Staff Sergeant Shauna Tozser, Provincial Traffic Manager, OPP Staff Sergeant Sarah Jane Riddell, Road Safety Enforcement Bureau, York Regional Police</p>
12:30–1:15pm	<p>Lunch</p>
1:15–2:15pm	<p>Panel 3: Youth & Cannabis</p> <p>Cannabis can be purchased, possessed, cultivated or distributed by an adult. In Ontario, an adult is a person 19 years of age or older. A recent (January – March 2019) Health Canada self-reported survey on prevalence of cannabis use indicates that the largest number of Canadian cannabis users, 29 per cent, are between the ages of 15 and 24. The rules in place are to keep cannabis out of the hands of children and youth. There has been a concerted effort by the federal and provincial governments, and other partners, to increase awareness about the dangers of cannabis use; help prevent and/or delay cannabis use among youth; promote healthy decision-making; and ensure student safety. This session will explore the most effective messaging and delivery of facts to youth about cannabis and the provincial measures in place for youth that break cannabis rules and laws.</p> <p>Presenters: David Mitchell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children Community and Social Services (MCCSS), Cannabis Diversion Program & Tamara Stone, Director, Planning and Program Development (MCCSS) Chealsea De Moor, Knowledge Broker, Strategic Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction</p>
2:15–3:00pm	<p>Panel 4: Cannabis & Drug-Impaired Driving Data Collection</p> <p>Collecting data and occurrences related to cannabis and drug-impaired offences is the cornerstone to informing Ontarians of the impact legislative changes have on community and road safety. Understanding these impacts can assist in identifying police training needs and gaps, and inform on how to better communicate the laws and rules to the public. This session will provide an overview of the federal and provincial data collection requirements for all Ontario police services. The session will highlight some of the data collection and reporting</p>

	<p>approaches underway and allow Ontario police services in attendance to speak to their data collection processes. The goal is to discuss, identify and agree upon common indicators for collection by all police services in Ontario.</p> <p>Presenter: Lisa Peacock, Manager, Research and Innovation, Ministry of the Solicitor General Rachel Huggins, Deputy Director, Executive Lead Cannabis Legalization, OPP</p>
3:00–3:15pm	Break
3:15–3:45pm	<p>Panel 5: Technology & Innovative Initiatives</p> <p>Technology and innovation is assisting law enforcement in operationalizing the new cannabis and drug-impaired driving legislation and supporting how and what police do on the frontline.</p> <p>Presenters: TBD - discuss CAD interface for Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) data collection Rachel Huggins, Deputy Director, Executive Lead Cannabis Legalization, OPP – Frontline Assistance Tool (FAST) Cannabis App</p>
3:45–4:15pm	<p>Closing Remarks & Round Table</p> <p>With more federal and provincial legislative changes to come and the introduction of edibles, what are the next steps for police services in Ontario? Can we form a dedicated working group to navigate through the next stages of cannabis legalization and data collection?</p>

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