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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: John McBeth
Acting Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: August 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Mental Health Collaborative Table (MHCT) opportunity for
volunteer firefighters

The Ministry of the Solicitor General established a Mental Health Collaborative Table (MHCT) for Ontario's Fire Service in 2021. There are additional MHCTs for police, corrections, and EMS. The MHCT mandates are to:

- Advise on strategies, initiatives, and innovations to improve mental health supports in Ontario;
- Provide advice and support on the development and implementation of Ontario's Mental Health Action Plan for public safety personnel and first responder organizations; and,
- Serve a coordinating function to provide unity and timeliness of action in pursuit of the tables' common goals.

As the important work of the table has continued to grow and evolve, we would like to expand the membership of the Fire MHCT. We are looking for increased engagement from volunteer firefighters from across the province. There are currently three vacancies available specifically for volunteer firefighters.

I ask that you please share the attached handout with your volunteer firefighters and encourage those interested to apply by using the QR code or link in the attached handout. All applications must be in by September 6, 2024.

Sincerely,

John McBeth
Acting Ontario Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety