

Law enforcement initiatives a Tory priority

I was cleaning up my desk recently and was surprised by the number of public safety and law enforcement initiatives I came across.

I decided to do a little research. It seems we have many initiatives where we've targeted improvements to local and provincial policing as well as public safety and victim services.

Some of our initiatives have been put in place for local police including, legislation to help increase public safety when criminals recklessly flee police. We purchased \$100,000 worth of equipment used to disable fleeing vehicles. In addition we provided more than \$700,000 in one-time seed money to fund four helicopter pilot projects in Halton/Peel, Hamilton, Durham and London.

We have put more than 1,000 new police officers on the street through our community policing partnership program. We have committed \$35 million annually to this program.

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We launched a fight against organized crime with \$2 million in capital funding.

We established Canada's first sex offender registry and called on the federal government to follow Ontario's lead with a national registry.

We took the necessary steps to fulfil Ontario's responsibility under the National DNA Databank while calling on the federal government to collect samples on arrest and collect retroactive samples from current prisoners. We also began implementing a computer aided dispatch

of criminal records to help local police forces work together as well as patch into OPP records.

The premier dedicated the Ontario Police Memorial, which honours police officers who died in the line of duty or while acting in the capacity of a police officer.

There have been other initiatives aimed at provincial policing and victims.

At the provincial level we established a rural crime prevention unit and a Cottage Watch program. We provided \$16 million to modernize the Ontario Fire College and the Coroner's Office.

We put \$2 million annually into a specialized snow trail patrol, \$2 million annually into computer crimes prevention, and an additional \$2 million annually to fight crimes which target seniors.

Of course we haven't done it all. There is much left to do. However, these issues are not static and every effort must be made to take the necessary steps to make things better.

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