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## Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services



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# MINISTRY OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services protects the public interest in three broad areas: public security and security; correctional services; and police services.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and its Justice Sector partner, the Ministry of the Attorney General, share a common vision:

*Our communities must be:*

- supported and protected by effective, efficient, accessible and accountable justice and public safety systems; and also*
- protected by a modern correctional system where incarcerated offenders are held in a safe and security environment and where those serving sentences in the community are well supervised.*

Community Safety, formerly the Ministry of the Solicitor General, oversees policing in Ontario by setting policy for both municipal police services and the Ontario Provincial Police. It delivers community safety programs through the Centre of Forensic Sciences, the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Office of the Fire Marshal. During the year, it plans to establish the Office of the Commissioner of Public Safety and Security. His responsibilities included Emergency Management Ontario and the public safety division, including to Office of the Fire Marshal, the Centre of Forensic Sciences, the Office of the Chief Coroner and animal welfare.



Correctional Services, formerly the Ministry of Correctional Services, provides supervision and programs to offenders serving community sentences on conditional sentences, probation or on Ontario parole. The ministry also manages and provides secure custody and rehabilitative programs for adult offenders serving sentences of less than two years. Its institutions also hold people who have been remanded while awaiting trial, sentencing or other proceedings. The ministry is completing an infrastructure renewal program that has resulted in three new institutions, three major expansions to existing facilities, and the closure of older facilities.



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### **Correctional Services**

- The ministry continued its program to modernize correctional facilities to provide an effective system to help ensure the safety of staff and communities.
- Two new facilities, the Central East Correctional Centre in the City of Kawartha Lakes and the Vanier Centre for Women in Milton, opened. This allows the decommissioning of some older, less efficient institutions.
- Probation and Parole Offices continued to implement the probation and parole service delivery model designed to provide more focused interventions and core rehabilitative programming for offenders.

### **Promoting and Supporting Excellence in Policing**

- The Quality Assurance Unit of the Policing Services Division inspected approximately 25 per cent of the municipal police services in Ontario this fiscal year, as part of a four year cycle of inspections.
- The ministry distributed \$34 million in transfer payments that assist police services and community organizations with community safety, crime prevention and investigation programs.
- The ministry co-hosted the Green Tide Summit with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police bringing together representatives of various levels of government, law enforcement, public utilities and the private sector to discuss the problem of marijuana grow operations.

### **Providing Frontline Policing Services**

- The OPP focused on reducing fatalities through programs including Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol (STOP) and Snowmobile, All-terrain vehicle, Vessel Enforcement (SAVE).
- The OPP established the Major Highway Response Team in the Greater Toronto Area to clear accident scenes more quickly.



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### **Providing Programs and Services that Improve Community Safety**

- The Emergency Management Act improved Ontario's ability to prevent and react to large-scale emergencies and help people during an emergency by requiring that all municipalities in Ontario have an emergency management coordinator and develop emergency management programs that include a municipal emergency response plan.
- The ministry began work with its partners on the creation of a firefighters memorial at Queen's Park, in recognition of the vital role played by Ontario firefighters.
- The Office of the Fire Marshal developed a Canadian version of the American Risk Watch Program and translated it into French and English. The Risk Watch Program is an injury prevention program for children from Kindergarten to Grade eight and has a strong fire prevention component.
- The government closed Project Turnaround, a privately operated strict discipline facility for youth.
- The ministry continued to:
  - Provide municipalities with consistent standards for emergency management programs
  - Improve the Centre of Forensic Sciences' capacity to test DNA, explosives and toxic or chemical agents

### **Modernizing the Justice System**

- The ministry's Offender Tracking Information System in Ontario's correctional facilities and in probation and parole offices gives staff important information about offenders.

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|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | 2003-2004 Actual                    |                 |
| <b>Operating</b>                                  |                                     | <b>1,666</b>    |
| <b>Capital</b>                                    |                                     | <b>47</b>       |
| <b>Staff Strength</b> <i>(as of Mar. 31,2004)</i> |                                     | <b>16,741.8</b> |

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### **Modernizing Correctional Services**

- The *Victims Empowerment Act* was proclaimed to allow victims to attend and take part in parole hearings.
- The ministry continued to expand its use of technology in monitoring specific offenders serving sentences in the community.

### **Providing Frontline Policing Services**

- The OPP entered into a partnership with the Sûreté du Québec to share AMBER Alert notifications.
- The OPP continued to equip its vehicles on the 400 series highways with mobile workstations.
- The OPP and 38 municipal police services are now using a Records Management System and Computer-Aided Dispatch system that improves police dispatching, 9-1-1 response time and records management.

### **Promoting and Supporting Excellence in Policing**

- The province began implementation of the \$2M Assisting and Preventing Child Victims of Sexual Abuse Through Focused Investigation of Child Pornography Cases Initiative with the Toronto Police Service to provide officer training and computer hardware/software.

### **Providing Programs and Services that Improve Public Safety and Security**

- More than doubling the budget for Emergency Management Ontario (EMO).

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