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Subject: RE: Request for your help to make publicly available comprehensive crime statistics at the neighbourhood-level.

Dear Mr. Sealey:

The Ottawa Police Service has long supported neighbourhood problem solving by sharing Criminal Code of Canada offences and calls for service information with the community, academia, and special interest groups. Over the past number of years we have worked to expand on this commitment by increasing the level of detail on the types of offence occurring in our community and adding citizens perception of safety and security to our annual ward profiles.

Based on internal capacity and ongoing efforts to collaborate with community partners, our approach in the short term will be to support the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study (ONS) by aggregating all relevant Criminal Code of Canada Offence data contained in the OPS Ward Profiles to the neighbourhood level. There are many benefits of supporting the ONS. Specifically, the initiative provides numerous data sets to the community in a format that can be easily interpreted. OPS crime data will also complement other demographic, socio-economic, health and wellness, civic engagement, community resources, parks and recreation, data sets that enable community based problem solving. The combination of these data sets creates a rich profile of each neighbourhood in our community that can be used to support decision making. We also hope to provide ONS with 2015 data when we release the latest edition of the Annual Report and associated Ward Profiles in May.

Last fall we worked to aggregate OPS data to the neighbourhoods and aim to provide data to the ONS by April. While it doesn't meet all the needs identified in your letter, it does demonstrate incremental improvement in data accessibility as we enhance our information technology infrastructure through the IT Roadmap Strategy.

Sincerely,

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