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Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce Launches Community Safety Initiatives Study

Chatham-Kent, ON — November 4, 2025 — The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Centre for Healthy Communities (CFHC) at Loyalist College, has launched a province-wide research study to help identify unique initiatives taking place to support community safety across Ontario's small and mid-sized cities.

Over the past year, the Chatham-Kent Chamber has worked closely with other chambers of commerce across Ontario to address the growing community safety challenges faced by businesses, organizations, and residents typically identified with the growing mental health & addictions crisis. The project will help identify both funded and unfunded initiatives currently being undertaken to address these challenges and will provide data to support advocacy and policy recommendations through the Ontario Chamber of Commerce at Queen's Park.

"This study represents an important step toward understanding the work, actions and initiatives our members, community partners and individuals are shouldering as they adapt to evolving safety challenges," said Rory Ring, President & CEO of the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce. "We know these issues are not unique to Chatham-Kent, and we are proud to collaborate with Loyalist College and chambers across Ontario to ensure our collective voice is heard."

This research initiative is being led by Loyalist College's Centre for Healthy Communities, in collaboration with chambers of commerce representing several Ontario municipalities. The findings will inform future advocacy efforts to support community resilience, safety, and well-being.

The Chamber invites local businesses, organizations, associations, and individuals to participate in this research by completing a short online survey conducted by Loyalist College's Centre for Healthy Communities. Participation is voluntary, and responses will remain strictly confidential.

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/0VhuZrN12r>

The survey will remain open until November 30, 2025

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About the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce

The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce serves as the recognized voice of visionary leadership for over 350 members and businesses in the Chatham-Kent community. Their mission is to champion business excellence by encouraging business relations, integrating business with the community, and fostering entrepreneurship. They aim to enhance economic prosperity and quality of life for local businesses. You can find them at 54 Fourth St, Chatham, ON N7M 2G21. For inquiries, you can reach them at (519) 352- 7540 or via email at info@chatham-kentchamber.ca.