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Pride Toronto's statement regarding police participation in the parade

TORONTO, ON, May 7 | Pride Toronto released a statement today regarding police participation in the Pride Parade and festival weekend. The statement aims to clarify that police are not banned, that they are invited to participate with select conditions and that they will be providing necessary services to ensure the festival is secure.

LGBTQ+ police officers and their allies are not banned from the parade.

We welcome and encourage their participation to add to Pride this year as members of our community. LGBTQ+ police officers and their allies can march in the Parade with community groups, with the City of Toronto, or even create their own group.

We are simply requesting that their participation not include the following elements: uniform, weapons, and vehicles.

The Toronto Police Service has been involved and supportive to us throughout our festival planning. They will provide all the necessary services to ensure that the festival weekend and parade are secure and successful.

Additionally, Executive Director **Olivia Nuamah** will be attending the Economic Development Committee meeting on May 8, 2017 to provide a deputation in support of continued city funding for Pride.

ABOUT PRIDE TORONTO:

Pride Toronto is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to bring people together to celebrate the history, courage and diversity of our community. Uniting and empowering people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, the annual Pride Toronto festival has become a major Canadian arts and cultural event and

the largest Pride celebration in North America. Pride showcases Toronto on the world stage with diversity, inclusion and vibrant creativity. June 2017 features Toronto's second Pride Month, culminating with the 37th annual Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25. For news and programming announcements, visit www.PrideToronto.com and follow @PrideToronto on Twitter, Pride Toronto on Facebook and @pridetoronto on Instagram. #PrideTO

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