



# Rural Ontario Municipal Association

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# Home Cultivation

- Four Plants

- No height restrictions
- Yield amounts
- Home possession
- Exposure to youth
- Mould and fire hazard
  - Shatter
- Calls for service
- Prosecution – lack of awareness



# Possession Limits

- 30 Grams of Cannabis
  - 19 years of age
  - 30 to 50 joints
  - Weight – enforcement
  - Medical (ACMPR)
    - Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations
  - Storage at police facilities



# Training

- Federal and Provincial Legislation
  - Tight timelines
  - 5800 OPP uniform members – 65,000 uniform members Canada wide
  - Brand new legislation
    - Ongoing changes
  - Mindset of officers
  - Communication Centres
  - Medical and legalized cannabis



# Illegal Dispensaries

- Illegal sale – unknown product
- Lower prices than government
  - Similar to contraband tobacco
- Organized Crime
- Harsh court sentences
  - Seizure of assets
- Seed to sale tracking



## C46

- Oral Fluid Drug Screening Devices
  - Standards are still being developed
    - Required approval from Attorney General
  - Funding to purchase devices
- Drug Recognition Experts (DRE)
  - Training required in the US
  - Few numbers in Ontario
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
  - Training underway
- Forensic Laboratory Testing



# Education, Education, Education

- Youth
  - Impacts of cannabis
    - Drug impaired driving
    - Public campaigns
    - Mindset – alcohol vs. cannabis
- Adults/Parents
  - Educate themselves
  - Signs and symptoms of impairment
- Public Campaigns
  - Need to start now



# QUESTIONS?

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