



MAJOR INCIDENT COMMAND ER-004

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the policy requirements set out in this document shall form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is hereby directed to comply with these requirements in his/her administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.

1. Subject

The guiding principles under which procedures and processes relating to major incident command services are to be established.

2. Specific Definitions

“**major incident**” – includes:

- a. aircraft hijacks or attempts;
- b. hostage/barricaded persons incidents;
- c. criminal acts of major proportion; and
- d. any disaster which will cause an abnormal strain on police resources.

3. Policy Requirements

The Board directs that this section of the policy and any police service directive and/or procedure relating to major incident command services be based on the following principles:

- a. That it is in complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- b. That members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- c. That it maintains both officer and public safety as a priority;
- d. That there is 24 hour police response to all services requiring major incident command;
- e. That it ensures major incident commanders have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- f. That it ensures members are provided with the necessary tools and equipment to perform this function;
- g. That it ensure the police services' procedures for major incident command are contained in a manual that is available to each member providing that service; and
- h. That the Chief of Police regularly review procedures on the services of major incident command to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

4. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularly assess the effectiveness of resources for major incident command services as may be required to ensure the integrity of the police service directive and/or procedure.

5. Reporting

Following every Major Incident, the Chief of Police shall provide the Board with a comprehensive report outlining the circumstances involved and the effectiveness of resources. (Barricaded persons incidents to be reported following exceptional circumstances only)

As part of a separate Annual Report on Adequacy Regulation, the Chief of Police shall report on compliance with this section of the policy.

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Sections 21, 23, and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #63/13

7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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I-B-115(F)