



TRAFFIC SERVICES ENFORCEMENT OF IMPAIRED DRIVING LE-017(A)

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the 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 the Chief of Police is to establish procedures and processes relating to police response to enforcement of impaired driving.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board that with respect to enforcement of impaired driving the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) Ensure that members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (c) Maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Ensure that the police service shall provide a 24 hour police response for enforcement of impaired driving, including breath analysis investigative supports;
- (e) Ensure procedures and processes are established in respect of breath analysis investigative supports;
- (f) Ensure that members involved in enforcement of impaired driving and breath analysis investigative supports have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (g) Ensure that members involved in enforcement of impaired driving and breath analysis investigation have the tools and equipment necessary to perform this function;
- (h) Develop partnerships with the appropriate external agencies to reduce impaired driving through community-based anti-drinking and driving programs; and
- (i) Regularly review procedures on enforcement of impaired driving to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of impaired driving arrests to:

- a) Ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures;
- b) Identify emerging trends; and
- c) Collect information on the total number of charges laid, convictions, and fatalities resulting from impaired driving.

4. Reporting

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police shall report on the number of impaired driving offences.

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

The Chief of Police shall also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where the enforcement of impaired driving has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or has significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Section 5(1)(d), 14(1),(4), and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #127/08
Board Minute #18/14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-606(F) Vehicular Collisions
I-B-712(F) Drinking/Driving Offences