



COLLECTION, PRESERVATION AND CONTROL OF EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY LE-020

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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 the administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.

1. Policy

It is the policy of the Peel Police Services Board with respect to property and evidence control and the collection, preservation, documentation and analysis of physical evidence that the Chief of Police will:

- (a) Ensure 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) Establish procedures consistent with advice from the Centre of Forensic Sciences and its current version of the *Laboratory Guide for the Investigator* for the safe and secure collection, preservation, control, handling and packaging of evidence;
- (d) Establish procedures for the secure collection, preservation and control of property;
- (e) Regularly review procedures on the collection, preservation, disposition, documentation and analysis of physical evidence and property to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation;
- (f) Ensure that members are in complete compliance with Sections 132, 133, and 134 of the *Police Services Act*;
- (g) Ensure that where a member who has responsibility for the evidence storage area is transferred or replaced, the Chief of Police shall ensure that an inventory is taken of all evidence in that area prior to the transfer taking effect.

2. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall ensure that an annual audit of the property/evidence held by the police service is conducted by a member(s) not routinely or directly connected with the property/evidence control functions, and report the results to the Board.

The Chief of Police shall also report to the Board on compliance by members of the Service with Sections 132, 133 and 134 of the *Police Services Act*.

The Chief of Police shall report on those circumstances where the collection, preservation and control of evidence and/or property has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be considered detrimental to the police service and/or has significant issues of potential liability to the Board and the police service.

3. 6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Police Services Act, Sections 132, 133, and 134
Centre of Forensic Sciences Laboratory Guide for the Investigator
Ontario Regulation 03/99, Sections 13(1)(n) and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #56/07
Board Minute #63/13
Board Minute # 85/17

4. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-150(F); I-B-151(F); I-B-152(F); I-B-153(F); I-B-402(F); I-B-719,
I-B-122(F), I-B-709(F), I-B-713(F), I-B-720(F), I-B-134(F)
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