



CRIMINAL HARASSMENT LE-028

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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 the undertaking and managing of investigations into criminal harassment.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board that with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into criminal harassment the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) Ensure 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 there is 24 hour police response to all investigations into criminal harassment;
- (e) Ensure members involved in investigations into criminal harassment have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (f) Ensure procedures for investigating criminal harassment complaints are in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan;
- (g) Ensure that the use of enhanced investigative techniques, such as behavioural science services are part of the investigation;
- (h) Ensure procedures are in place to address provisions for victim assistance; and
- (i) Regularly review procedures on investigations into criminal harassment to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularly review procedures with respect to investigations into criminal harassment to ensure the compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

4. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into criminal harassment 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.

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police shall report on the number of criminal harassment 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.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Section 12(1)(c) and 29
Ontario Major Case Management Manual
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute # 44 /14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-A-602(F) Criminal Harassment
I-B-722(F) Criminal Investigations
I-B-710(F) Victim and Witness Assistance
Criminal Investigation Management Plan