



HOMICIDE LE-039

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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 investigations into homicides and attempted homicides.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to investigations into homicides and attempted homicides 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 there is 24 hour police response to all homicide investigations;
- (e) Develop and maintain procedures that require compliance by officers with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual*;
- (f) Provide training, through investigations and a succession of training programs, both formal and informal, to develop the knowledge and skills of members of this service, in order to vigorously investigate all homicides to establish the cause and circumstances, and to apprehend and charge those responsible; and
- (g) Regularly review procedures on homicide investigations to keep 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 homicide investigations to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

4. Reporting

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

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 an investigation into a homicide 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.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 12(1)(i) and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute # 44/14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-720(F) Sudden Death Investigations
I-A-403(F) Canadian Police Information Centre (C.P.I.C)