



YOUTH CRIME LE-044

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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 youth crime.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into youth crime 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 members involved in investigations into youth crime have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Maintains relationships with other police agencies, family and criminal justice agencies, Boards of Education, community and social agencies and organizations dealing with issues relating to youth crime;
- (f) Develop and maintain programs for safe schools, including establishing protocols for investigating school-related occurrences;
- (g) Develop and promote strategies to prevent or counter the activities of youth gangs in the community in accordance with the service's procedures on crime prevention and problem-oriented policing; and
- (h) Regularly review procedures relating to youth crime 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 all youth crime investigations to:

Ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures;
Identify emerging trends; and
Ensure input from other elements of the justice system.

4. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report annually on a stand-alone basis to identify effectiveness of all young persons enforcement and prevention strategies to ensure the quality and validity of such strategies.

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 youth crime 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)(u) and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute # 44/14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-110(F) Young Persons
I-A-603(O) Pardon of Criminal Records & Retention of Fingerprints & Photo Imaging
I-B-734(F) School Police Emergency Action Response (S.P.E.A.K)