



SUSPECT APPREHENSION PURSUITS

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the policy 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 the procedures and processes consistent with the requirements of the *Suspect Apprehension Pursuits Regulation*.

2. Specific Definitions

“suspect apprehension pursuits”

Occur when a police officer attempts to stop a vehicle and the driver refuses to obey, following which the officer pursues for the purpose of stopping the vehicle or identifying the vehicle or identifying an individual in the fleeing vehicle

3. Policy Requirements

The Board directs that this section of the policy and any police service directive and/or procedure relating to suspect apprehension pursuits be based on the following principles:

- (a) That it is in complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) That members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (c) That it maintains both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) That there is 24 hour police response to emergency calls for service;
- (e) That it provides training accredited by the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services on suspect apprehension pursuits to police officers, dispatchers, communications supervisors and road supervisors;
- (f) That it ensures members are trained in the use of intentional contact between vehicles and the use of tire deflation devices;
- (g) That it ensures members involved in suspect apprehension pursuits have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (h) That it ensures members are provided with the necessary tools and equipment to perform this function;
- (i) That the Chief of Police enter into agreements with neighboring police services to determine under what circumstances decision making responsibility for a pursuit will be, and will not be, transferred from one jurisdiction to another;

- (j) That the Chief of Police ensure that police officers receive training about the intentional contact between vehicles consistent with the requirements of the *Suspect Apprehension Pursuits Regulation*;
- (k) That the Chief of Police regularly review suspect apprehension pursuit procedures to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation;
- (l) That the Chief of Police ensure the particulars of each suspect apprehension pursuit are recorded in a form and manner approved by the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services; and
- (m) That appointing officials or local commanders who have appointed an officer under the *Interprovincial Policing Act, 2009*, shall ensure that particulars of each suspect apprehension pursuit engaged by an officer appointed under the Act are recorded on a form and in a manner approved by the Ministry.

4. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall conduct ongoing statistical analysis, and a qualitative and quantitative review of all suspect apprehension pursuits to ensure the integrity of practices and procedures.

5. Reporting

The Chief of Police on a quarterly basis shall report on the number of police pursuits and provide a summary of each.

The Chief of Police shall also report circumstances where a police pursuit has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and the police service.

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Board Minute #97/03

Board Minute #56/07

Board Minute #19/09

Suspect Apprehension Regulation- O.Reg. 266/10 – Replaces: O.Reg #546/99

Board Minute #63/13

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7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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I-A-705(F); I-B-102(F); I-B-102