



REWARDS PSB-FN-003

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board to support the Peel Regional Police in preventing and solving crime, including the pursuit and apprehension of offenders, through the offer and payment of rewards when deemed appropriate by the Board on the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

This policy sets out the guidelines under which the Board will consider offering and paying rewards to persons who provide information that assists in solving a specific, significant crime or crimes, including the location or return of missing persons or property.

1. It is the policy of the Peel Police Services Board that:
 - a) The Board may from time to time authorize the Chief of Police to publicly offer a reward up to a maximum of \$25,000 (*unless, in the Board's total discretion, special circumstances lead it to authorize the offer of a larger reward*) to be paid to any person or persons who supplies information that advances the investigation of any crime, leads to the apprehension or conviction of any person guilty of any offence or leads to the location or return of any missing persons or property;
 - b) Upon receipt of a report and recommendation from the Chief of Police, the Board shall determine if the offering of a reward is appropriate in the circumstances. If the Board approves the public offer of a reward, any advertisement, publication or notice respecting reward monies shall be approved by the Chief of Police prior to publication;
 - c) During the course of an investigation, a third party wishing to post reward money to assist the Peel Regional Police will:
 - (i) Deposit the full amount of such reward money with the Board; and
 - (ii) Sign an agreement and release consistent with this policy in a form satisfactory to the Board granting its/his/her consent to the release of all or any portion of the reward monies to any person or persons at the Board's sole discretion;
 - d) Prior to authorizing the offer of any reward, the Board shall confirm that the required amount of money is within the Peel Regional Police budget or is available from alternate funding sources and/or has been deposited by a third party;
 - e) The Board may, in its discretion, advise Peel Regional Council if a substantial amount of money has been re-allocated from the Peel Regional Police budget to facilitate the offer of a reward;
 - f) Any offer of a reward shall be limited to one year from the publication date of the initial advertisement of the reward;
 - g) Any renewal or extension requires Board approval. In the event that the Board wishes to renew or extend the time period of the reward offer, should there be a third party donor of reward monies it/she/he shall be so notified;

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- h) The third party donor of any reward monies may apply to the Board for the return of such monies after the expiration of one year from the date when the reward monies were deposited with the Board. The Board shall determine, in its total discretion, when it is appropriate to return any portion of the donated reward monies to the third party donor;
 - i) The Board is not required to reimburse or return any interest accruing on the donated amount;
 - j) Upon receipt of a report and recommendation from the Chief of Police, the Board shall determine if any person or persons is/are entitled to all or any portion of any offered reward;
 - k) Members and employees, or immediate family of a member or employee, of the Peel Regional Police and/or the Peel Police Services Board shall not be entitled to claim any reward monies;
 - l) The Board retains authority to decide, in its sole discretion, a person's eligibility for the payment of any reward monies. The identity of any person claiming a reward shall remain anonymous unless the Board approves the disclosure of this information;
 - m) At the conclusion of an investigation, a third party wishing to offer reward money to any person who supplied information which leads to the apprehension or conviction of any person guilty of any offence will:
 - (i) Deposit the full amount of such reward money with the Board; and
 - (ii) Sign an agreement and release consistent with this policy in a form satisfactory to the Board granting its/his/her consent to the release of all or any portion of the reward monies to any person or persons at the Board's sole discretion; and
 - n) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board retains the ultimate discretion to authorize the offer of a reward, as well as the payment to any persons of any portion of any offered reward.

2. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall ensure that the appropriate accounting and audit systems are in place to protect the integrity of reward funds deposited and/or disbursed.

3. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report to the Board at the decision points set out in this policy and will report as appropriate on the final disposition of each reward offered.

4. Authority

Board Minute #25/03

Replaces : Rewards Policy – Adopted- 1983/05/26 (Pages II-DD-1 to II-DD-8)

Board Minute # 75/13

Board Minute #IC35-11-18

5. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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