



EMERGENCY PLANNING

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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 procedures and processes relating to emergency planning for major emergency/disaster incidents are to be established.

2. Specific Definitions

“emergency”

Means a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise.

“major incident”

includes:

- a. aircraft hijacks or attempts;
- b. hostage and/or barricaded persons incidents;
- c. criminal acts of major proportion; and
- d. any disaster which will cause an extraordinary and sustained strain on police resources.

3. Policy Requirements

The Board directs that this section of the policy and any police service directive and/or procedure relating to emergency planning for major emergency/disaster incidents 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 all services in the event of a major emergency/disaster within the Regional Municipality of Peel;
- e. That it ensures major incident commanders have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;

- f. That the Chief of Police ensures members are provided with the necessary tools and equipment to perform this function;
- g. That the Chief of Police ensures the police services' procedures for emergency planning for major emergency/disaster incidents are contained in a manual that is available to each member providing that service and that the manual addresses the role and duties of the police service during an emergency, and the procedures to be followed by members of the police service during an emergency;
- h. That the Chief of Police work in conjunction with federal, provincial and municipal agencies with respect to emergency planning for major emergency/disaster incidents;and
- i. That the Chief of Police regularly review procedures on the services of emergency planning for major emergency/disaster incidents to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

4. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularly assess the effectiveness of resources for emergency planning for major emergency/disaster incidents as may be required to ensure the integrity of the police service directive and/or procedure.

5. Reporting

Following every major incident, the Chief of Police shall provide the Board with a comprehensive report outlining the circumstances involved and the effectiveness of resources for major command services.

As part of a separate Annual Report on Adequacy Regulation, the Chief of Police shall report on compliance with this section of the policy.

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
Ontario Regulation 03/99, Sections 26 (1), (2), and 29
Board Minute #96/03
Board Minute #63/13

7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

Peel Regional Police Major Incident Manual
Peel Regional Police Skills Development and Learning Plan
I-B-114(F); I-B-115 (F)