



TRAFFIC SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT & ROAD SAFETY LE-017(B)

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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 law enforcement and road safety.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board that with respect to traffic law enforcement and road safety 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) Ensures the provision of a 24 hour police response for traffic law enforcement;
- (e) Provides training, both formal and informal, to develop the knowledge and skills of members of this service, in order to vigorously pursue traffic law enforcement and road safety issues, and to apprehend and charge those responsible;
- (f) Ensures members involved in traffic law enforcement have the tools and equipment necessary to perform this function;
- (g) Ensures that any enforcement action taken by members is carried out in a firm, fair and impartial manner;
- (h) Develop and implement a traffic management, traffic law enforcement and road safety plan;
- (i) Establishes procedures on traffic management, traffic law enforcement and road safety, including procedures to address road closures and minimizing the interference of traffic;
- (j) Ensures enforcement action is of a directed nature, based on identified needs resulting from information on high collision locations, public complaints and requests, and an officer's own identification of needs;
- (k) Develop and maintain liaison with the appropriate external agencies, such as the Region of Peel, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga and Ministry of Transportation, for the purpose of traffic law enforcement and road safety issues; and

- (l) Regularly review procedures on traffic law enforcement 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 traffic law enforcement to:

- a) Ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures;
- b) Identify emerging trends; and
- c) Collect information on traffic law enforcement occurrences, such as seat belt charges, careless driving, other Highway Traffic Act charges, and traffic by-law charges.

4. Reporting

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police shall report on traffic law enforcement occurrences.

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

The Chief of Police shall also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where traffic law enforcement has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or has significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Section 8 and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #127/08
Board Minute #18/14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-602(F) “Fail to Remain” and “Fail to Report” Collisions
I-B-603(F) Speed Measuring Devices
I-B-605(F) Traffic Law Enforcement Policy
I-B-606(F) Vehicular Collisions
I-B-611(F) Use of Roadblocks
I-B-617(F) Suspended/Disqualified/Ignition Interlock and Stunting Offences
I-B-712(F) Drinking/Driving Offences
I-B-614(F) Roadway Hazard Complaints