



WATERWAYS POLICING LE-035

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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 waterways policing.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to waterways policing that 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 members involved with waterways policing have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Ensure members are provided with the necessary tools and equipment to perform this function;
- (f) Identify all navigable bodies and courses of water within the jurisdiction of the police service; and
- (g) Regularly review procedures on waterways policing to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall conduct ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of waterways policing as may be required to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

4. Reporting

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 the policing of waterways 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 the police service.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Police Services Act, Section 19(1); Ontario Regulation 03/99, Sections 15 and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #19/09
Board Minute #44 /14
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6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-407(F) Marine Unit