



# COURT SECURITY

## LE-014

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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 procedures and processes relating to court security.

### **2. Policy Requirements**

It is the policy of the Board with respect to court security that the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Develop a court security plan that meets the statutory responsibilities set out in section 137 of the *Police Services Act*;
- (b) Establish procedures on court security that address supervision and training;
- (c) Provide both formal and informal training to educate members of the service;
- (d) Ensure members involved in court security have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform this function;
- (e) Ensure the security of judges and of persons taking part in or attending proceedings;
- (f) Ensures the security of the premises during the hours when court is in session and members of the public are normally present;
- (g) Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (h) Ensure that members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (i) Maintain both officer, public and detainee safety as a priority;
- (j) Ensure the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and
- (k) Regularly review procedures on court security to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

### **3. Measurement Methods/Systems**

The Chief of Police shall review court security procedures as may be required to ensure the compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

**4. Reporting**

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where court security procedures have 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.

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

**5. Authority/Legislative Reference**

Police Services Act, Section 137  
Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 16 and 29  
Board Minute #191/00  
Board Minute #18/14

**6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive**

I-B-510(F) Security Concerns in Court Facilities  
Peel Regional Police Court Security Plan  
Peel Regional Police Fire Safety Plan – Davis Courthouse  
Peel Regional Police Prisoner Escort Manual