



# PRISONER TRANSPORTATION LE-033

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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 prisoner transportation.

### **2. Policy Requirements**

It is the policy of the Board with respect to prisoner transportation 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 member, public and detainee safety as a priority;
- (d) Establish procedures on prisoner transportation that require compliance by the police officers and/or prisoner escorts with the service's procedures on prisoner care and control;
- (e) Ensure police officers and/or prisoner escorts involved in prisoner transportation have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform this function; and
- (f) Regularly review prisoner transportation procedures to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation.

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

The Chief of Police shall regularly assess the effectiveness of prisoner transportation as may be required to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

### **4. Reporting**

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police shall report on the total number of meals served to prisoners, and total number of adult and young offenders escorted.

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

Following an escape or in-custody death, the Chief of Police shall review the procedures, processes and practices of the police service for prisoner transportation and report back to the Board.

The Chief of Police shall also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where the transportation of prisoner(s) has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be considered 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 53(5)  
Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 13(1)(m) and 29  
Board Minute #191/00  
Board Minute # 44 /14

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

I-B-502(F) Prisoner Transportation  
I-B-103(F) Holding Facilities  
I-A-707(F) Specialized Vehicles