

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY LE-046

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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 the administration and operation of Peel Regional Police.

1. Subject

The guiding principles under which the Chief of Police is to establish procedures and processes consistant with the requirements of *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry)*, 2000 with respect to the use and maintenance of a Sex Offender Registry. The Act known as *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry)*, 2000 sets out the responsibilities of police services in relation to sex offenders in the province of Ontario. Among other obligations, the Act requires a sex offender, as defined in the Act, to report in person to the police service for the purposes of identification and registration. Each police service is required to submit offender information to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (Ministry) for inclusion in the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR).

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the establishment, use and maintenance of a Sex Offender Registry that the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Establish and maintain a sex offender registration site in accordance with *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry) 2000;*
- (b) 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 the use and maintenance of the Sex Offender Registry have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Ensure members are provided with the necessary training, tools and equipment to perform this function;
- (f) Ensure information gathered is used for the purpose of maintaining a Sex Offender Registry; and
- (g) Regularly review procedures relating to the use and maintenance of the Sex Offender Registry, remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularily conduct a qualitative and quantitative review of all Sex Offender Registry information to ensure compliance with this policy, police services directives and legislative requirements.

4. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where the use and maintenance of the Sex Offender Registry 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

Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 Sex Offender Information Registration Act Section 41 (1.1) Police Services Act Board Minute #98/03 Board Minute #60/15

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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