



# CRIMINAL HARASSMENT LE-028

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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 establishing processes relating to the undertaking and managing of investigations into criminal harassment.*

## **1. Policy Requirements**

It is the policy of the Board that with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into criminal harassment the Chief of Police will:

- (a) ensure complete compliance with board policy, legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) develop and maintain procedures for undertaking criminal harassment investigations in accordance with the Ontario Major Case Management (OMCM) manual;
- (c) ensure members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (d) maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (e) ensure there is 24 hour police response to all investigations into criminal harassment;
- (f) ensure members involved in investigations into criminal harassment have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (g) ensure procedures for investigating criminal harassment complaints are in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan;
- (h) ensure that the use of enhanced investigative techniques, such as behavioural science services are part of the investigation;
- (i) ensure procedures are in place to address provisions for victim assistance; and
- (j) regularly review procedures on investigations into criminal harassment to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

## **2. Reporting**

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into criminal harassment 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.

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police will report on the number of criminal harassment offences.

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

**3. Authority/Legislative Reference**

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Section 12(1)(c) and 29  
Ontario Major Case Management Manual  
Board Minute #191/00  
Board Minute # 44 /14  
Ministry Policy Inspection – September 2018

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

I-A-602(F) Criminal Harassment  
I-B-722(F) Criminal Investigations  
I-B-710(F) Victim and Witness Assistance  
Criminal Investigation Management Plan