



PRISONER CARE AND CONTROL LE-016

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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 the Peel Regional Police.

1. Policy

It is the policy of the Peel Police Services Board that with respect to prisoner care and control the Chief of Police will:

- (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) Maintains member, public and detainee safety as a priority;
- (d) Establish procedures and processes for:
 - i) The care and control of prisoners, including effective monitoring; and
 - ii) Responding to an escape from police custody;
- (e) Ensure members involved in prisoner care and control have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform this function;
- (f) Regularly review prisoner care and control procedures to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation;
- (g) Ensure that where young people may be detained in the same facility as adults, specific measures are taken to guarantee compliance with the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, S.C. 2002, c.1; and
- (h) Ensure that where male, female, transsexual, and transgendered persons are to be detained in the same facility, specific measures are taken to separate completely male, female, transsexual and transgendered prisoners.

2. Reporting

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

The Chief of Police shall also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where during the course of prisoner care and control an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may detrimental to the police service; and/or has significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service has occurred.

3. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 13(1)(l) and 29
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #127/08
Board Minute #69/11
Board Minute #18/14
Board Minute #85/17

4. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-A-301(O) Fire Prevention and Evacuation Practices
I-B-103(F) Holding Facilities