



PARENTAL AND NON-PARENTAL ABDUCTIONS AND ATTEMPTS LE-040

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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 with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into parental and non-parental abductions and attempts.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to parental and non-parental abductions and attempts 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 officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Ensure that there is 24 hour police response to all parental and non-parental abduction and attempt investigations;
- (e) Develop and maintain procedures that require that investigations into parental/familial abductions and attempted abductions be undertaken in accordance with the service's criminal investigation management plan and the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual*;
- (f) Provide training through investigations and a succession of training programs, both formal and informal, to develop the knowledge and skills of members of this service, in order to vigorously investigate all parental and non-parental abductions and attempts;
- (g) Ensure investigative follow-up on outstanding cases; and
- (h) Regularly review procedures for investigations into parental and non-parental abductions and attempts to remain current with case law inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all parental and non-parental abduction and attempt investigations to ensure 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 an investigation into a parental and non-parental abduction and/or attempt 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 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

Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 12(1)(m) and 29
Ontario Major Case Management Manual
Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #44 /14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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