



# VEHICLE THEFT LE-043

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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 the investigation of motor vehicle thefts.

### **2. Policy Requirements**

It is the policy of the Board with respect to vehicle thefts that 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 both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Ensure members involved in the investigation of proceeds of crime have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Ensure timely notification of registered owners of the recovery of stolen vehicles, except where ongoing criminal investigations may be compromised;
- (f) Maintains relationships with appropriate external agencies for the purpose of exchanging up-to-date information on motor vehicle thefts; and
- (g) Regularly review procedures for vehicle investigations to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation

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

That the Chief of Police shall conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of investigations of motor vehicle thefts to ensure the 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 number of vehicle thefts.

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

The Chief of Police shall also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into a motor vehicle theft 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**

Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 12(1)(t) and 29  
Board Minute #191/00  
Board Minute # 44/14

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

I-B-704(F) Motor Vehicle Theft Investigations