



TRAFFIC SERVICES MAJOR COLLISION INVESTIGATIONS LE-017(C)

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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 police response to major collision investigations.

2. Specific Definitions

“collision”

Means contact resulting from the motion of a vehicle or its load which causes property damage, injury or death.

“major collision”

Means any collision of a severe or unusual nature to warrant an investigation by the Major Collision Bureau.

3. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to major collision investigations and reconstruction 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 both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Ensure that the police service shall provide a 24 hour police response to major collisions which includes technical collision investigation and reconstruction;
- (e) Establish procedures and processes with respect to major collision investigations and reconstruction;
- (f) Ensure members involved in major collision investigations and reconstruction have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (g) Ensure members involved in major collision investigations and reconstruction have the tools and equipment necessary to perform this function; and
- (h) Regularly review procedures on major collision investigations to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

4. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all major collision investigations to:

Ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures;

Identify emerging trends; and

Collect information on the total number of charges laid, convictions, and fatalities resulting from major collisions.

5. Reporting

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police shall report on the number of major collisions involving serious personal injury or fatality.

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 report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation of a major collision 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/or the police service.

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Sections 5(1)(d), 14(1), (4), and 29

Board Minute #191/00

Board Minute #127/08

Board Minute #18/14

7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-602(F) “Fail to Remain” and “Fail to Report” Collisions

I-B-604(F) Vehicle Towing, Seizure and Release

I-B-605(F) Traffic Law Enforcement Policy

I-B-606(F) Vehicular Collisions

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