



HATE PROPAGANDA

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service 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 undertaking and managing of investigations into hate propaganda.

2. Specific Definitions

“hate propaganda” – Section 318 and 319 of the Criminal Code of Canada classifies hate propaganda as the advocating or promoting of genocide against any identifiable group, communicating statements in any public place which incite hatred against any identifiable group were such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of peace, and communicating statements, other than in private conversation, that willfully promote hatred against any identifiable group.

3. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into hate propaganda the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) Ensure members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (c) Undertake to educate the members on hate propaganda;
- (d) Maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (e) Develop and maintain procedures and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into hate propaganda;
- (f) Ensure members involved in investigations into hate propaganda have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (g) Maintain liaisons with other law enforcement agencies, government agencies, Boards of Education, social agencies, the community, and the media, to inform them of the police service's procedures for investigating, countering and responding to hate propaganda, and the activities of organized hate groups;
- (h) Regularly review procedures on investigations into propaganda to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation;

- (i) Maintain a respectful and co-operative relationship with all communities that recognize their racial, cultural and linguistic diversity, thereby fostering the kind of community support that is essential to effective, secure policing;
- (j) Assume a leadership role in organizing support, when necessary, of the broader community for the victim(s) and their community that have been the subject hate propaganda;
- (k) Actively engage in the prevention of hate crimes through: the development of protocols with recognized stakeholders; the dissemination of information; the creation of a resource centre; and through educational initiatives in keeping with the role of the police service;
- (l) Recognize the emotional impact of such propaganda on individuals and communities and react appropriately in investigating, including providing assistance in the handling, seizure and/or disposal of offending materials; and
- (m) Keep victims of hate propaganda and concerned community groups informed of specific investigations as is appropriate under each set of circumstances.

4. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall conduct ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all investigations into hate propaganda to ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures.

5. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall inform the Board on an immediate basis of any unusual activity or increase in hate propaganda within the Region, especially as instigated by organized groups, so the Board may take the appropriate action.

The Chief of Police shall provide annually a statistical report to the Board on the incidence of hate/bias motivated crime, such a report to be made publicly available upon receipt by the Board.

As part of the Strategic Planning process, the Chief of Police shall review annually the existing allocation of resources to prevent and investigate hate crimes, and comment specifically on the need to create a dedicated unit to prevent or investigate such crimes.

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

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, ss. 38(1)(g) and 38(2)

Ontario Regulation 395/23: Investigations, ss. 15 and 24

Board Minute #191/00

Board Minute #69/11

Board Minute #18/14

Supercedes: Race Relations – Investigation of Hate Propogandana & Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes Policy – Adopted 1994/12/19 (Pages II-AA-1-II-AA-3)

7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-130(F) Hate/Bias Motivated Crime