



INCIDENT COMMAND ER-004

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service Board that the policy 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 procedures and processes relating to incident command services are to be established.

2. Specific Definitions

“incident” – includes:

- a. aircraft hijacks or attempts;
- b. hostage/barricaded persons incidents;
- c. criminal acts of major proportion; and
- d. any disaster which will cause an abnormal strain on police resources.

“incident commander” means, as applicable, an incident commander and any class of incident commander, including a major incident commander, critical incident commander and major critical incident commander.

3. Policy Requirements

The Board directs that this section of the policy and any police service directive and/or procedure relating to incident command services be based on the following principles:

- a. That it is in complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- b. That members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- c. That it maintains both officer and public safety as a priority;
- d. That there is 24 hour police response to all services requiring incident command;
- e. That it ensures incident commanders have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- f. That it ensures members are provided with the necessary tools and equipment to perform this function;
- g. That it ensure the police services’ procedures for incident command are contained in a manual that is available to each member providing that service; and
- h. That the Chief of Police regularly review procedures on the services of incident command to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

4. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularly assess the effectiveness of resources for incident command services as may be required to ensure the integrity of the police service directive and/or procedure.

5. Reporting

Following every Incident, the Chief of Police shall provide the Board with a comprehensive report outlining the circumstances involved and the effectiveness of resources. (Barricaded persons incidents to be reported following exceptional circumstances only)

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)

O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General), ss. 9(1), 10(1), 11, 21 and 24(1) 2.

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7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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