



TERRORISM RESPONSE AND NOTIFICATIONS

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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 with respect to terrorism response and notifications.

2. Specific Definitions

“Provincial Counter-Terrorism Plan”

Released in 2003, the plan enhances Ontario’s ability to respond to terrorist incidents or threats through a coordinated and integrated action plan that includes partnerships with federal, provincial and local governments, the justice sector, law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies and international law enforcement;

“Security Offences Act (SOA)”

Federal legislation that addresses police jurisdiction with respect to an offence under any law of Canada that constitutes a threat to the security of Canada and/or in which the victim of the offence is an ‘internationally protected person’;

“terrorism”

A criminal act that poses a threat to local, provincial, national or multi-national security.

3. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to Terrorism Response and Notifications that 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. Maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- d. Ensure members are provided with general information and resource material on terrorism with the goal of increasing awareness;
- e. Implement the procedures established in the service’s Counter-Terrorism Plan;
- f. Ensure key responsibilities are assigned to appropriate members as early as possible;
- g. Ensure that in the implementation of the Counter-Terrorism Plan there is cooperation and communication with other first responders;

h. Ensure implementation of the response procedure addresses:

- i. Implementing the notification protocol; communicating, networking, and sharing of information.
- ii. protecting potential targets in the community;
- iii. implementing the Incident Management/Response Plan;
- iv. managing voice and data communications;
- v. the role of the media;
- vi. the availability of necessary equipment; and
- vii. assistance to victims and witnesses.

4. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall conduct ongoing statistical analysis, monitoring, qualitative and quantitative review of the effectiveness of the terrorism preparedness plans including notification protocol to ensure compliance with the *Provincial Counter Terrorism Plan*.

5. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report to the Board those circumstances where the terrorism response and notification has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the community and/or 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 policy.

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Ontario Regulation 03/99, Section 28 and 29
Provincial Counter-Terrorism Plan
Criminal Code of Canada, Part IV Section 83.3
Anti- Terrorism Act
Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act
The Security Offences Act
Criminal Code of Canada, Section 83.3
Board Minute #93/03
Board Minute #18/09
Board Minute #75/13

7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-116(F) Emergency Management Stores
I-B-148(F) Counter Terrorism Plan
Major Incident Manual
Regional Emergency Measures Plan