



SUSPECT APPREHENSION PURSUITS

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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 will form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is directed to establish procedures and processes consistent with this policy.

1. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board that relating to suspect apprehension pursuits that the Chief of Police:

- (a) ensures complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) ensures that members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (c) maintains both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) ensures there is 24 hour police response to emergency calls for service;
- (e) ensures he/she provides training accredited by the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services on suspect apprehension pursuits to police officers, dispatchers, communications supervisors and road supervisors;
- (f) ensures members are trained in the use of intentional contact between vehicles and the use of tire deflation devices;
- (g) ensures members involved in suspect apprehension pursuits have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (h) ensures members are provided with the necessary tools and equipment to perform this function;
- (i) enters into agreements with neighboring police services to determine under what circumstances decision making responsibility for a pursuit will be, and will not be, transferred from one jurisdiction to another;
- (j) ensures that police officers receive training about the intentional contact between vehicles consistent with the requirements of the *Suspect Apprehension Pursuits Regulation*;
- (k) regularly reviews suspect apprehension pursuit procedures to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation;

- (l) ensures the particulars of each suspect apprehension pursuit are recorded in a form and manner approved by the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services; and
- (m) ensures that appointing officials or local commanders who have appointed an officer under the *Interprovincial Policing Act, 2009*, will ensure that particulars of each suspect apprehension pursuit engaged by an officer appointed under the Act are recorded on a form and in a manner approved by the Ministry.

2. Reporting

The Chief of Police on an annual basis will provide to the Board a statistical and trend analysis over a five year period on the number of police pursuits, reasons for initiating pursuits, collision or related injuries as a result of pursuits.

The Chief of Police will also report circumstances where a police pursuit has resulted in an "exceptional" circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and the police service.

3. Authority/Legislative Reference

Board Minute #97/03
Board Minute #56/07
Board Minute #19/09
Board Minute #63/13
Board Minute #IC35-11-18

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4. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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I-A-705(F); I-B-102(F); 1-B-102