



ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE

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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 directed to establish the procedures and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into elder and vulnerable adult abuse.

1. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into elder and vulnerable adult abuse the Chief of Police will:

- (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 members involved in investigations into elder and vulnerable adult abuse have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Include a provision for victim assistance;
- (f) Develop and maintain relationships with external agencies, such as community and social service agencies/providers, businesses, seniors' and other local organizations, dealing with issues relating to elder and vulnerable adult abuse; and
- (g) Regularly review procedures on investigations into elder and vulnerable adult abuse to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.
- (h) Regularly conduct ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all elder and vulnerable adult abuse investigations to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

2. Reporting

The Chief of Police will report annually on the number of elder and vulnerable adult abuse occurrences, and provided statistical comparisons, trend analysis, effectiveness of existing protocols, community partnerships, training and education.

The Chief of Police will also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into elder and/or vulnerable adult abuse has resulted in an "exceptional" circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or has resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

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

3. Authority/Legislative Reference

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

O. Reg. 395/23: Investigations, ss. 15 and 24

Board Minute #191/00

Board Minute #18/14

Board Minute #IC35-11-18

4. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-701(F) Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse