



YOUTH CRIME

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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 will form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is directed to establish procedures and processes relating to the undertaking and managing of investigations into youth crime.

1. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into youth crime 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 that members involved in investigations into youth crime have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Maintains relationships with other police agencies, family and criminal justice agencies, Boards of Education, community and social agencies and organizations dealing with issues relating to youth crime;
- (f) Develop and maintain programs for safe schools, including establishing protocols for investigating school-related occurrences;
- (g) Develop and promote strategies to prevent or counter the activities of youth gangs in the community in accordance with the service's procedures on crime prevention and problem-oriented policing;
- (h) Regularly review procedures relating to youth crime to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation; and

Conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all youth crime investigations to ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures, identify emerging trends and ensure input from other elements of the justice system.

2. Reporting

The Chief of Police will report annually number of youth occurrences, provide statistical comparisons, trend analysis, effectiveness of exiting protocols, community partnerships, training and education. The Chief will also identify the effectiveness of all young persons enforcement and prevention strategies to ensure the quality and validity of such strategies.

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

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

3. Authority/Legislative Reference

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

O. Reg. 395/23: Investigations, ss. 18 and 24

Board Minute #191/00

Board Minute # 44/14

Board Minute #IC35-11-18

4. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-110(F) Young Persons

I-A-603(O) Pardon of Criminal Records & Retention of Fingerprints & Photo Imaging

I-B-734(F) School Police Emergency Action Response (S.P.E.A.K)