



FRAUD AND FALSE PRETENCE INVESTIGATIONS

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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 relating to the undertaking and managing of investigations into fraud and false pretences.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to fraud and false pretences investigations that the Chief of Police shall:

- (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) Ensures that members involved in investigations into fraud and false pretences have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function;
- (e) Maintain relationships with appropriate external agencies (i.e. Employment Insurance Commission, Fire Marshall's Office, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, insurance industry) for the purpose of exchanging up-to-date information on fraud and false pretences; and
- (f) Regularly review procedures on investigations into fraud and false pretences to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all fraud and false pretence investigations to:

- (a) Ensure the integrity of investigative practices and procedures; and
- (b) Identify emerging trends.

4. Reporting

As part of the Annual Statistical Report of the police service, the Chief of Police shall report on the number of fraud offences.

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

The Chief of Police shall also report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into fraud and false pretences 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.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

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

O. Reg. 395/23: Investigations, s. 24

Board Minute #191/00

Board Minute # 44 /14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-726(F) Fraud Investigations

I-B-747(F) Currency Reading and Tracing System