



PREVENTION OR RESPONDING TO OCCURRENCES INVOLVING FIREARMS LE-029

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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 the procedures and processes relating to the investigation of offences involving firearms.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect preventing or responding to occurrences involving firearms 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) Maintains both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Ensure 24 hour police response to all investigations of offences involving firearms;
- (e) Provide training, through investigations and a succession of training programs, both formal and informal, to develop the knowledge and skills of members of the police service, in order to vigorously investigate all offences involving firearms to establish the cause and circumstances, and to apprehend and charge those responsible;
- (f) Ensure the members are provided with information on all search and seizure powers available under Part III and Part XV of the Criminal Code that may be relevant to the search and seizure of firearms, ammunition, or related licenses, certificates or permits, as well as options for obtaining prohibition orders;
- (g) Develop and maintain procedures on:
 - a. Undertaking and managing investigations into offences/occurrence involving firearms;
 - b. Preventing offences/occurrences involving firearms; and
- (h) Relating to the Firearms Interest Police category of Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC);
- (i) Regularly review procedures on the prevention or responding to occurrences involving firearms to keep current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularly review all offences involving firearms to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

4. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into offences involving firearms 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.

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

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-722(F) Criminal Investigations

I-B-745(F) Search Warrants – Obtaining and Execution

I-B-713(F) Domestic/Family Disputes