



# PARENTAL AND NON-PARENTAL ABDUCTIONS AND ATTEMPTS

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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 with respect to the undertaking and managing of investigations into parental and non-parental abductions and attempts.

### 2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to parental and non-parental abductions and attempts 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 officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Ensure that there is 24 hour police response to all parental and non-parental abduction and attempt investigations;
- (e) Develop and maintain procedures that require that investigations into parental/familial abductions and attempted abductions be undertaken in accordance with the service's criminal investigation management plan and the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual*;
- (f) Provide training through investigations and a succession of training programs, both formal and informal, to develop the knowledge and skills of members of this service, in order to vigorously investigate all parental and non-parental abductions and attempts;
- (g) Ensure investigative follow-up on outstanding cases; and
- (h) Regularly review procedures for investigations into parental and non-parental abductions and attempts to remain current with case law inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation.

### 3. Non-Parental Abductions ViCLAS Reports

- (a) Within 30 days of the start of an investigation into a non-parental abduction, the investigating officer leading the investigation shall complete and submit one or more

ViCLAS Crime Analysis Reports respecting the investigation to the Provincial ViCLAS Centre.

- (b) Within 30 days of a material change or of acquiring information that is significant to an investigation into a non-parental abduction, the investigating officer leading the investigation shall update the ViCLAS Crime Analysis Report and resubmit it to the Provincial ViCLAS Centre
- (c) An investigating officer who receives a Potential Linkage Report respecting an investigation from the Provincial ViCLAS Centre shall,
  - i. Follow up the potential linkage with the investigation as soon as possible; and
  - ii. Within 60 days of receiving the Potential Linkage Report, submit to the Provincial ViCLAS Centre a Potential Linkage Response Form reporting the results of the follow up.

#### **4. Measurement Methods/Systems**

The Chief of Police shall conduct an ongoing statistical analysis, qualitative and quantitative review of all parental and non-parental abduction and attempt investigations to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

#### **5. Reporting**

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where an investigation into a parental and non-parental abduction and/or attempt 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.

#### **6. Authority/Legislative Reference**

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 ss. 38(1)(g) and 38(2)*  
O. Reg. 395/23 Investigations, ss. 18 and 24  
O. Reg. 394/23: Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements, s. 1  
Ontario Major Case Management Manual  
Board Minute #191/00  
Board Minute #44 /14

#### **7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive**

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