



DRUG 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 investigation of drug-related offences other than simple possession.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into drug related offences other than simple possession 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) Include the necessary financial controls for monies supplied to investigative officers for drug investigations;
- (e) Develop and maintain procedures that require that investigations to be undertaken and managed in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan; and
- (f) Regularly review procedures on investigation of drug-related offences 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 investigations of drug-related offences 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 drug-related 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 of drug-related offences has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be 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)
Ontario Regulation 395/23: Investigations, s. 24

Board Minute #191/00
Board Minute #44 /14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-709(F) Police Informants/Agents
I-B-736(F) Undercover Operations
I-B-703(F) Major Drug and Vice Offences