



Peterborough Police Services Board

LE-013 - Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability

1.0 Policy

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Peterborough Police Services Board with respect to the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability that the Chief of Police will:
- a) work, where possible, with appropriate community members and agencies, health care providers, government agencies, municipal officials, other criminal justice agencies, and the local Crown to address service issues relating to persons who have a mental illness or developmental disability;
 - b) establish procedures and processes that address the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability; and
 - c) ensure that the police service's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with officers, communications operators/dispatchers and supervisors on:
 - i) local protocols; and
 - ii) conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be emotionally disturbed, or may have a mental illness or developmental disability.

2.0 Administration

- 2.1 That this Policy is hereby enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on this 20th day of October 2014 and shall take effect on January 1st 2015.
- 2.2 That this policy be unrestricted.

Gary Baldwin, Chair
Peterborough Police Services Board

Additional References:

Adopted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on October 20th 2014.

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