



PETERBOROUGH POLICE SERVICES BOARD

LE-024 - Domestic Violence Occurrences

1. It is the policy of the Peterborough Police Services Board with respect to domestic violence occurrences that the Chief of Police will:
 - a) in partnership with the police service's local Crown, Probation and Parole Services, Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP), Victim Crisis and Referral Services (VCARS), municipalities, local Children's Aid Societies and other local service providers and community representatives responsible for issues related to domestic violence including women's shelters, work to establish and maintain one or more domestic violence review committees that cover the geographic areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the police service,
 - b) implement one or more of the models set out in ministry guidelines for the investigation of domestic violence occurrences and ensure that the police service has access to trained domestic violence investigators;
 - c) develop and maintain procedures for undertaking and managing investigations into domestic violence occurrences that address:
 - i) communications and dispatch
 - ii) initial response;
 - iii) enhanced investigative procedures;

- iv) the mandatory laying of charges where there are reasonable grounds to do so, including in cases where there is a breach of a bail condition, probation, parole or a restraining order;
 - v) the use of a risk indicators tool;
 - vi) children at risk;
 - vii) high risk cases and repeat offenders;
 - viii) occurrences involving members of a police service;
 - ix) post-arrest procedures;
 - x) victim assistance; and
 - xi) safety planning;
- d) ensure that officers and other appropriate members receive the appropriate ministry accredited training.

2. 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.

Garth Wedlock, Chair
Peterborough Police Services Board

Additional References:

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