



Peterborough Police Services Board

LE-026 – Missing Persons

1.0 Policy

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Peterborough Police Services Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into missing persons that the Chief of Police will develop and maintain procedures that:
- a) set out the steps to be followed for undertaking investigations into reports of missing persons, including situations involving children, teenagers and elder and vulnerable adults;
 - b) ensure investigative follow-up on outstanding cases; and
 - c) where circumstances indicate a strong possibility of foul play, require officers to comply with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated **Ontario Major Case Management Manual**.
 - d) ensure an AMBER Alert activation is considered in all missing children investigations, and Major Case Management is implemented in all cases involving AMBER Alert activation.
- 1.2 Section 8 of the **Missing Persons Act** requires municipal Chiefs of Police to report to the police services board annually on the Service's use of urgent demands under the **Act**. This report is required by April 1st and shall contain:
- a) the total number of urgent demands made in the previous year and the number of missing persons investigations to which they related;

- b) a description of the types of records specified in the urgent demands; and
- c) any other prescribed information.

1.3 After receiving the report, a Board shall:

- a) provide a copy of the report to the Minister; and
- b) make the report available to the public by posting it on either the Board or Service's website by June 1st. The format of the report shall be up to the Board.

2.0 Administration

- 2.1 That the policy enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on the 20th day of October 2014 which took effect on January 1st 2015 be repealed.
- 2.2 That this policy is hereby enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on this 28th day of July 2020 and shall take effect on this date.
- 2.3 That this policy be unrestricted.

Gary Baldwin, Chair
Peterborough Police Services Board

Additional References:

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Missing Persons Act