Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Court Security
2026-LE-038

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1.0 Authority

1.1 Subsection 37(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c.1, Sched. 1,* ("CSPA") provides that a Board shall provide adequate and effective policing in the area for which it has policing responsibility as required by section 10 of the CSPA;

1.2 Subsection 38(2) of the CSPA provides that a Police Service Board may establish policies respecting matters related to the police service or the provision of policing;

1.3 Section 243 of the CSPA requires that, where a Police Service Board has court security obligations, the Board is responsible for:

a) ensuring the security of judges and other judicial officers and of persons taking part in or attending proceedings;
b) during the hours when judges, other judicial officers and members of the public are normally present, ensuring the security of the premises;
c) ensuring the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and
d) determining appropriate levels of security for the purposes of all of the above in accordance with the regulations, if any;

1.4 O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;

1.5 The Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish policies with respect to court security.

NOW THEREFORE THE PETERBOROUGH POLICE SERVICE BOARD APPROVES AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

2.0 Definitions

In this Policy:

2.1 **"Act" or "CSPA"** means the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1,* as amended;

2.2 **"Board"** means the Peterborough Police Service Board;

2.3 **"Chief"** means the Chief of the Peterborough Police Service;

2.4 **"Regional Crown Attorney"** means the Director of Crown Operations for the Central East Region in conjunction with the Crown Attorney for the Judicial District of the County of Peterborough;

2.5 **"Service"** means the Peterborough Police Service.

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that issues relating to court security are important to the administration of justice and it is therefore the policy of this Board that court security issues be dealt with in a professional and thorough manner and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Court Security Committee

4.1.1 The Chief shall establish a local Court Security Committee, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Chief. The Court Security Committee shall include representatives from the Service and other agencies who agree to join the Committee upon the request of the Chief.

The Chief shall ensure that the local Court Security Committee meets on a regular basis in order to address court security issues.

4.2 Court Security Officer

4.2.1 The Chief shall designate a member of the Service with overall responsibilities for the Service's court security function.

4.3 Court Security Plan

4.3.1 The Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in section 1 of the CSPA, with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to sections 37 and 38 of the CSPA to require that, where a Police Service Board has court security obligations under Section 243 of the CSPA , the Chief shall:

a) prepare a court security plan;
b) establish procedures on court security that address the provision and training; and
c) ensure that court security personnel have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform court security functions.

4.3.2 Where there is a designated Indigenous Court, the Chief shall undertake to establish a protocol with that court for the provision of culturally sensitive security measures.

4.3.3 The Chief shall ensure that the court security plan is reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis by the Service and, if agreed, by the Court Security Committee using defined performance measures and indicators.

4.4 Training

4.4.1 The Chief shall ensure that personnel utilized for court security and prisoner transport are adequately trained and supervised.

5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 The Chief shall report to the Board on the Service implementation of this Policy as follows:

5.1.1 In response to questions from the Board regarding Service procedures developed pursuant to the policy, either verbally at a meeting when the question is asked, or in writing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, as directed by the Board; and

5.1.2 Within thirty days of the Chief becoming aware of a breach of Service procedures developed pursuant to this policy that the Chief in his sole discretion determines to be a significant breach that is likely to result in liability for or reputational damage to the Board or the Service, the Chief shall:

a) report to the Board verbally regarding the matter at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

b) provide periodic verbal updates as directed by the Board at subsequent meetings pending completion of internal and external proceedings regarding the matter; and

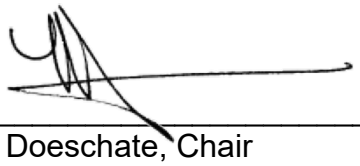
c) after the conclusion of all internal and external proceedings regarding the matter, provide a written report to the Board explaining:

i) the breach;
ii) the circumstances surrounding the breach;
iii) the Chief's liability or reputational concerns; and
iv) the corrective measures taken, including amendments to the procedure to guard against future breaches.

6.0 Implementation

6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-LE-038 Court Security which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-014 Court Security, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date



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October 20, 2026
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