Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Confidential Informers and Agents
2026-LE-039

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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 Subsection 6 (1) 4 xii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes that a Chief of Police shall establish procedures and processes with respect to Confidential Informers and Agents;

1.4 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 that it has a policy on Confidential Informers and Agents;

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 **"Agent"** means any civilian tasked or directed, directly or indirectly, by the police to obtain information and any civilian contracted, verbally or in writing, to supply information or act as directed or tasked by the police in exchange for anything agreed upon.

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

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

2.5 "**Confidential Informer (C.I.)**" means someone who provides information to a law enforcement agency, whose identity is known to the agency, and who requests either explicitly or implicitly that his or her identity remain confidential. In addition:

The police agree to extend "C.I. Privilege";

Information is received and no direction is given by the police (ie. One-way informational street).

2.6 **"Member"** means a member of the Peterborough Police Service;

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

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that issues relating to Confidential Informers and Agents form an important part of investigative policing and of prosecution of criminal offences, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that issues involving Confidential Informers and agents 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 **Procedures**

4.1.1 The Chief shall develop procedures and processes relating to the use and management of Confidential Informers and Agents.

4.2 **In-Custody Informants**

4.2.1 The Chief shall establish procedures and processes on the use of Confidential Informers that are consistent with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual.

4.3 The procedures established above shall be in accordance with subsection 6 (1) 4 xii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General).

5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 The Chief shall report to the Board in closed session on the Service implementation of this policy as follows:

5.1.1 On or before June 30 of each year, on an anonymous basis, a summary of payments made to Confidential Informers or Agent(s) in the preceding calendar year;

5.1.2 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

5.1.3 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

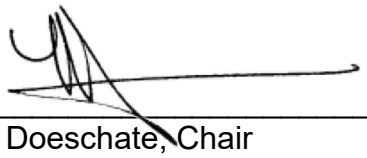
c) after the conclusion of all internal and external proceedings regarding the matter, provide a written report to the Board explaining:

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-039 Confidential Informers and Agents which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-015 Paid Informants and Agents, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date



Lisa Wilson, Executive Assistant
Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date