Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Stolen or Smuggled Firearms
2026-LE-043

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

1.4 Section 260 of the CSPA provides for storage, recording and reporting on firearms that come into the possession of the Service;

1.5 The Board deems it appropriate that the Chief of Police develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into stolen or smuggled firearms;

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

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

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that matters of stolen or smuggled firearms are serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 General

The Chief shall develop a procedure to ensure compliance with section 260 of the CSPA.

4.2 Origin of Firearm

4.2.1 The Chief shall develop and implement a procedure to determine the origin of every firearm that comes into the possession of the Service with a view to determining whether the firearm is:

a) lost or stolen;
b) registered in Canada; or
c) illegal in Canada.

4.3 **Investigation of Stolen or Smuggled Firearms**

4.3.1 The Chief shall develop and implement written procedures relating to the investigation of stolen or smuggled firearms.

4.4 **Sharing of Information**

4.4.1 The Chief shall develop and implement a procedure to address the sharing of information on stolen and smuggled firearms with law enforcement agencies.

4.5 **Training**

4.5.1 The Chief shall ensure that Members receive the appropriate training in relation to firearms safety and that Members involved in investigations of stolen or smuggled firearms have had the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.

4.6 **Audits**

4.6.1 The Chief shall ensure that an annual Firearms Audit is completed and submitted as required by the CSPA.

5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 The Chief shall report to the Board on the Service's 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-043 Stolen or Smuggled Firearms which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-019 Stolen or Smuggled Firearms, 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