Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Vehicle Pursuits
2026-LE-067

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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 3 of O. Reg. 397/23: Vehicle Pursuits requires a Police Services Board to have a policy on vehicle pursuits that is consistent with the Regulation;

1.4 Sections 4 and 5 of O. Reg. 397/23 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures on the tactics, management and control of vehicle pursuits;

1.5 The Board deems it appropriate that the Chief of Police develops and maintains procedures on and processes for the management and control of vehicle pursuits;

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*, and amendments thereto;

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 **"Ministry"** means the Ministry of the Solicitor General;

2.6 **"Service"** means the Peterborough Police Service;

2.7 **"Vehicle Pursuit"** means a pursuit that occurs when a police officer pursues, in a motor vehicle, another motor vehicle that the officer or Constable had attempted to stop but that failed to stop and remain in place;

2.8 **"Vehicle Pursuit Procedures"** means the procedures established by the Chief of Police pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of Ontario Regulation 397/23.

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that vehicle pursuits are serious in nature, and that ensuring the safety of the citizens of the City of Peterborough, Ward of Lakefield and Township of Cavan Monaghan, and the safety of the Service Members, are paramount in all aspects of police decision-making, including with respect to vehicle pursuits. It is therefore the policy of the Board that such pursuits be conducted only in accordance with the procedure set out by the Chief of Police as established in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 of Ontario Regulation 397/23: Vehicle Pursuits and this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 **Procedures**

4.1.1 The Chief of Police establish written procedures on vehicle pursuits that are consistent with Ontario Regulation 397/23: Vehicle Pursuits, as amended.

4.1.2 The procedures referred to above shall:

a) address the management and control of Vehicle Pursuits; and
b) set out tactics that may be used as an alternative to Vehicle Pursuits and tactics that may be used for following or stopping a fleeing motor vehicle;
c) describe the responsibilities of police officers, dispatchers, communications supervisors and road supervisors; and
d) describe the equipment available to the Service for implementing alternative tactics.

4.2 Protocol

4.2.1 The Chief shall ensure that a multi-jurisdictional protocol is developed with other police agencies dealing with issues relating to Vehicle Pursuits.

4.3 Training

4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that Members involved with Vehicle Pursuits have the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform this function, and in particular, are trained in accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 397/23: Vehicle Pursuits.

4.3.2 The Chief shall ensure Members receive training about the intentional contact between vehicles consistent with the requirements of Section 11 of the said O. Reg. 397/23.The Chief shall ensure Members have successfully completed the required Ministry accredited training.

4.4 Equipment

4.4.1 The Chief shall ensure that Members involved with Vehicle Pursuits have available and use appropriate tools and equipment in performing this function.

4.4.2 The Chief shall ensure that an appropriate number of police vehicles are equipped with tire deflation devices and that officers are trained on their use.

4.5 Records

4.5.1 The Chief shall ensure that the particulars of each Vehicle Pursuit are recorded.

4.5.2 Appointing officials or local commanders who have appointed an officer under the *Interprovincial Policing Act, 2009,* shall ensure that particulars of each Vehicle Pursuit engaged by an officer appointed under that Act are recorded on a form and in a manner approved by the Ministry.

4.6 **Vehicle Pursuit Review Committee**

4.6.1 The Chief shall cause all Vehicle Pursuits to be reviewed for compliance with established procedures. If a Pursuit is deemed to not be in compliance, the review committee will determine whether additional training and education for the members involved is required, or if discipline is warranted. Findings requiring discipline shall be brought to the attention of the Chief.

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;

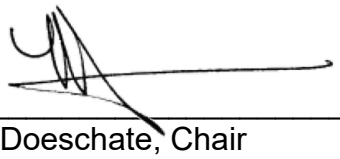
iii) the Chief's liability or reputational concerns; and

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-067 Vehicle Pursuits which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-045 Suspect Apprehension Pursuits, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
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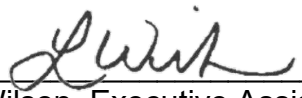

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