Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Youth Crime
2026-LE-066

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

1.4 Subsection 39 (1) 3) (vi) of the CSPA provides that a Board is to include in its Strategic Plan a requirement, inter alia, quantitative and qualitative performance objectives and indicators of outcomes relating to Youth Crime and clearance rates for Youth Crime;

1.5 The Board deems it appropriate that the Chief of Police develops and maintains procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into Youth Crime;

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

2.6 **"Youth Crime"** means offences, within the meaning of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (Canada), committed by a person while they were a young person within the meaning of that Act.

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that matters of Youth Crime 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 the procedures established by the Chief as directed by this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Procedures

4.1.1 The Chief shall develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into Youth Crime.

4.2 School Liaison Program

4.2.1 The Chief shall develop and maintain a school resource officer program consisting of officers assigned to Community Services performing the duties of a School Resource Officer, and which includes establishing protocols for investigating school related occurrences.

4.2.2 The Chief shall ensure that the protocols referred to in section 4.2.1 above is reviewed on an annual basis.

4.2.3 In the event the Chief is unable to maintain a School Resource Officer program, they will inform the Board of the reason in advance of disbanding the program.

4.3 **Community Partnership**

4.3.1 The Chief shall consider the need for a multi-agency strategy to prevent or counter the activities of youth gangs in the community in accordance with the Service's procedures on crime prevention and problem-oriented policing.

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-066 Youth Crime which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-044 Youth Crime, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



October 20, 2026

Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

Date



October 20, 2026

Lisa Wilson, Executive Assistant
Peterborough Police Service Board

Date