Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Community Patrol
2026-LE-027

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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 39 (1) of the CSPA requires that a police service board's strategic plan include qualitative and qualitative performance objectives and indicators of outcomes relating to, inter alia, community patrol;

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 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 provide Community Patrol consisting of General Patrol and Directed Patrol;

1.6 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 the Chief to establish procedures and processes on Community Patrol which address when and where Directed patrol is considered necessary or appropriate, based on such factors as crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence and road safety.

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

2.0 Definitions

In this Policy:

2.1 **"Act"** or **"CPSA"** 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 **"Community Patrol"** means General Patrol and Directed Patrol;

2.5 **"Cost of Directed Patrol"** means those costs associated with the deployment of members on directed patrol where members are brought in on overtime for deployment;

2.6 **"Directed Patrol"** means those members of the patrol unit deployed in the areas and at the times where it is considered necessary or appropriate based on crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence and road safety;

2.7 **"General Patrol"** means those members of the patrol unit responsible for responding to calls for service, follow-up for calls, preventative presence, and community policing;

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

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

3.0 Board Policy and Direction to the Chief

3.1 The Chief shall establish a procedure on Community Patrol which shall provide appropriate direction to patrol officers on General Patrol and to those on Directed Patrol.

3.2 The Chief shall ensure that the direction to patrol officers referred to in Paragraph 3.1 respecting Members deployed to General Patrol and Directed Patrol positions is followed.

3.3 The Chief shall ensure written arrangements are in place with other police services to obtain assistance or support in enhancing Directed Patrol in extraordinary circumstances.

4.0 Report to the Board

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

4.1.1 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

4.1.2 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

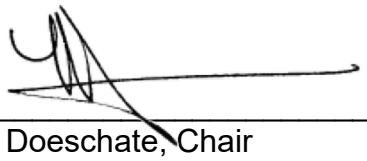
c) after the conclusion of all internal and external proceedings regarding the matter, provide a written report to the Board explaining:

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.

5.0 Implementation

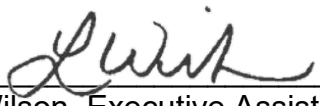
5.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-LE-027 Community Patrol which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

5.2 That Policy #LE-001 Community Patrol, 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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