

Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy Major Incident Command 2026-ER-0021



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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 Subsections 9 (1) and 11 (1) of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) (“the Adequacy Regulation”) and subsection 5 (2) of Schedule 1 to the Adequacy Regulation prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services, including the functions of incident commanders;
- 1.4 The Board has deemed it appropriate that it establishes a policy with respect to access to the deployment and functions of major incident commanders;
- 1.5 Subsection 10(1) of O. Reg. 392/23 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures that set out circumstances in which major incident commanders will be deployed.

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 **“Ministry”** means the Ministry of the Solicitor General;
- 2.6 **“Service”** means the Peterborough Police Service.

3.0 Board Policy

- 3.1 The Board recognizes that major incident command is an important part of policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that the deployment of major incident commanders be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy and the Adequacy Regulation.

4.0 Provision of Major Incident Command

- 4.1 The Service will provide, within a reasonable response time, access to the services of major incident commanders.
- 4.2 The services of major incident commanders will be available 24 hours a day.

5.0 Direction to the Chief

5.1 Procedures

- 5.1.1 The Chief will develop written procedures in accordance with the Adequacy Regulation that set out the circumstances in which a major incident commander is to be engaged.

5.2 Membership and Training

5.2.1 The Chief shall establish a selection process for major incident commanders, ensuring that major incident commanders who provide the service meet the requirements of the Adequacy Regulation.

5.2.2 The Chief shall ensure that Members who provide services of major incident command have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities and receive training on an ongoing basis.

5.3 Equipment

5.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that appropriate equipment and resources, in accordance with subsection 5(2) of Schedule 1 to the Adequacy Regulation and the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, are used/available to Members providing major incident command.

6.0 Report to the Board

6.1 The Chief shall report to the Board on the Service implementation of this policy as follows:

- a) In response to questions from the Board regarding Service procedures developed pursuant to the policy, either verbally at a meeting when the questions are asked, or in writing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, as directed by the Board; and
- b) 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 could result in liability for or reputational damage to the Board or the Service, the Chief shall 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.

7.0 Implementation

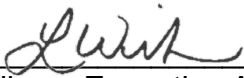
- 7.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-ER-021 Major Incident Command which shall come into force on July 22, 2026.
- 7.2 That Policy #ER-004 Major Incident Command, enacted on October 20, 2014, and last revised March 23, 2016 is hereby repealed effective July 22, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026

Date



Lisa Wilson, Executive Assistant
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026

Date