Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Police Response to High Risk Individuals
2026-LE-069

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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 Section 80 (1) of the CSPA allows for the Chief of Police, or designate, to disclose personal information about an individual in accordance with the Regulation;

1.5 The Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish a policy to allow the Chief of Police, or designate, to disclose personal information about an offender when there are reasonable grounds to believe an individual poses a significant risk of harm to other persons or property, and reasonably believes that disclosure will reduce the risk;

1.6 The *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides obligations to disclose any record to the public or persons affected if there is reasonable or probable grounds to believe that it is in the public interest to do so and that the record reveals a grave environmental, health or safety hazard to the public;

1.7 The Board has determined that it is appropriate to have a policy with respect to police response to high-risk individuals for the purpose of crime prevention or law enforcement and disclosures of personal information under the CSPA;

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 **"High Risk Individual"** includes any individual identified through various criteria or factors that may be included in legislation or policies or procedures, including:

i) an individual released at Warrant Expiry Date (WED) from a Federal Penitentiary who has been deemed to be a high risk to re-offend and commit a further offence involving sexual assaults, serious bodily harm or death; or
ii) an individual convicted of a sexual offence against a child; or
iii) an individual released from either a Federal or Provincial Institution who is deemed to be high risk to commit a sexual offence or other offence likely to cause serious bodily harm or death to another individual;
iv) an individual entered on the High-Risk Offender National Flagging System, has been designated as a Dangerous Offender, Habitual Offender or Long Term Offender; or
v) an individual against whom a judicial restraint order issued pursuant to section 8.10.01 or 8.10.02 of the Criminal Code has been issued;
vi) an individual who has been identified as demonstrating a pattern of escalating violent behaviour likely to cause serious bodily harm or death to another person or a pattern of sexual offences; or
vii) an individual whose psychological state and behaviour places them in a high-risk category, even though they may have never been convicted of a serious personal injury offence.

2.5 **"High-Risk Offender National Flagging System"** means an offender who, in the opinion of Crown Counsel, has been identified as posing an ongoing serious threat to society;

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

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

2.8 **"Warrant Expiry Date (WED)"** means the date upon which an offender who has been held in custody for their entire sentence and is released from custody at the expiration of their sentence, without any form of supervision by way of probation or parole.

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes as a priority the identification and management of high-risk offenders.

3.2 The Board believes that the Police Service must assume a leadership role in co-ordinating efforts to effectively manage high risk offenders.

3.3 It is therefore the policy of the Board that high risk offender management be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with the procedure set out by the Chief as established and directed with this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Procedures

4.1.1 The Chief shall, where possible, work in partnership with the local Crown Attorney, appropriate community members and agencies, including health care providers, government agencies, municipal officials, other criminal justice agencies, including law enforcement agencies, as well as victim services to ensure a co-ordinated and effective strategy in response to high-risk individuals that address:

a) post-arrest procedures;
b) dangerous offender and long-term offender applications;
c) High-Risk Offender National Flagging System and requirements of CPIC;
d) information sharing;
e) case management planning;
f) review of risk assessment information;
g) judicial restraint orders;
h) victim assistance and safety planning; and
i) community notification regarding high-risk individuals.

4.1.2 The Chief shall ensure that the strategy referred to in section 4.1.1 shall be reflected in policies and procedures.

4.1.3 The Chief shall ensure that said procedure above complies with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* obligations to disclose records.

4.2 **Protocol**

4.2.1 The Chief shall ensure that the Police Service, where possible, establishes multi-agency protocols with appropriate community members, law enforcement agencies, including local Crown Attorney's and victims services, local provincial probation and parole offices, local federal parole offices, provincial and federal correctional authorities, National Parole Board, Ontario Parole and Earned Release Board, Ontario Review Board, and local mental health facilities, regarding the co-ordinated response to the management of high risk individuals.

4.3 **Community Notification**

4.3.1 The Chief shall develop and implement written policies and procedures with respect to community notification of high-risk offenders that are in accordance with provincial legislation.

4.4 **Training**

4.4.1 The Chief shall ensure that Members involved with high-risk offender management have the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform this function.

4.4.2 The Chief shall establish a skills development and learning plan for Members performing this function.

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

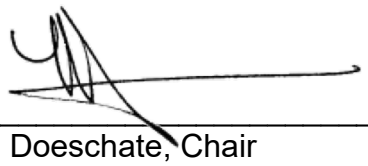
c) after the conclusion of all internal and external proceedings regarding the matter, provide a written report to the Board explaining:

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-069 Police Response to High Risk Individuals which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-047 Police Response to High Risk Individuals, 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