



Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy Safe Storage of Police Service Firearms 2026-AI-008

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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 117 of the *Firearms Act*, S.C. 1995, c.39 sets out the requirements relating to the safe storage and transfer of firearms for both individual owners and public agents, including police officers;
- 1.4 Section 3(1) of the *Public Agents Firearms Regulations* requires that a public agent shall store firearms when not in use in a container, receptacle, vault, safe or room that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot be easily broken open or into;
- 1.5 O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;
- 1.6 O. Reg. 391/23: Use of Force and Weapons prescribes requirements for firearms training.

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 **“Service”** means the Peterborough Police Service.

3.0 Board Policy

- 3.1 The Board recognizes the importance of the safe storage of police service firearms, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that such storage of firearms be established and maintained in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Procedures

- 4.1.1 The Chief shall develop procedures and processes relating to the safe storage of police service firearms in accordance with Section 117 of the *Firearms Act*, Section 3(1) of the *Public Agents Firearms Regulations*.
- 4.1.2 Included in the Chief's procedure will be the process required to be followed by all Officers who may seek permission, in certain circumstances, to store their Service-issued firearm at a location other than the workplace. Examples of such a requirement include, but are not limited to, when on training out of the Region, or when seeking to return a prisoner from a jurisdiction that requires an overnight stay, or when attending a memorial or other event in uniform and use of force equipment is required as part of the dress of the day.

4.2 Training

- 4.2.1 The Chief shall ensure that Members receive the appropriate training in relation to firearms safety as required by the said O. Reg 392/23, Section 117 of the *Firearms Act* and Section 3(1) of the *Public Agents Firearms Regulations*, and that Members have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this function.

5.0 Report to the Board

- 5.1 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 is 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.

6.0 Implementation

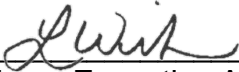
- 6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-AI-008 Safe Storage of Police Service Firearms which shall come into force on July 22, 2026.
- 6.2 That Policy #AI-009 Safe Storage of Police Service Firearms, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective July 22, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026

Date



Lisa Wilson, Executive Assistant
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026

Date