Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Joint Forces Operations
2026-LE-034

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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 6 (1) 4 ii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes that a Chief of Police shall establish procedures and processes with respect to Joint Forces Operations;

1.4 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, that it has a policy on Joint Forces Operations;

1.5 The Board is committed to ensuring that incidents which occur across jurisdictional boundaries are properly investigated.

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. **"Joint Forces Operations" or "JFO"** means a formal collaboration between two or more police services or law enforcement agencies working together on a shared investigation and is managed by the project manager from the lead agency and collectively overseen by a Joint Management Team consisting of one Senior Officer from each of the participating Police Services. A JFO may include provincial, federal or international law enforcement agencies.

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

2.6 **"Protocol"** means any written or verbal contract agreement or understanding relating to Joint Forces Operations;

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

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that Joint Forces Operations form an important part of investigative policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that such Joint Forces Operations 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 that address the approval process for establishing a Joint Forces Operation.

4.1.2 The Chief shall establish procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of

any Joint Forces Operation.

4.1.3 The procedures referred to above shall be in accordance with subsection 6 (1) 4 ii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General).

5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 Initial Report

5.1.1 Prior to the commencement of the work on a Joint Forces Operation, the Chief shall make a report to the Board that outlines, where practicable and subject to operational restrictions, the issues to be addressed by the Joint Forces Operation and the estimated associated costs.

5.2 General Reporting

5.2.1 Upon completion of a Joint Forces Operation, the Chief shall make a report to the Board advising the Board:

a) if the Joint Forces Operation achieved its objectives; and
b) the actual cost of the Joint Forces Operation, including personnel costs, which report shall also be included in the Annual Report of the Service.

5.3 Exception Based Reporting

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

5.3.1 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

5.3.2 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

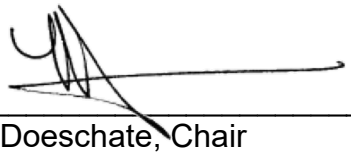
c) after the conclusion of all internal and external proceedings regarding the matter, provide a written report to the Board explaining:

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-034 Joint Forces Operations which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-009 Joint Forces Operations, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



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Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date



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