



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Criminal Harassment Policy (LE-022)

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Legislation: O. Reg. 394/23: Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements, 2019.
Victims Bill of Rights, 2015 (Canadian Victim Bill of Rights)

1. Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to protecting individuals from criminal harassment and ensuring timely, effective, and risk-informed responses that support victim safety, dignity, and well-being. It is the policy of this Board to require the Chief of Police to establish and maintain procedures for criminal harassment investigations that are consistent with legislative requirements and professional standards.

2. Board Policy

It is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into criminal harassment that the Chief of Police will develop and maintain written procedures that address:

- a) The procedures for investigating criminal harassment complaints in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures, the *Victims Bill of Rights Act, 2015*, and the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* and its *Regulations*;

- b) The use of enhanced investigative techniques, such as behavioural science services as part of the investigation, which may include:
- I. Physical/Electronic surveillance;
 - II. Wire taps, body packs, probes, or other electronic technical support;
 - III. Witness relocation; and
 - IV. Undercover operators.
- c) The following standards for adequate and effective policing respecting assistance to victims / survivors of the crime are prescribed:
- I. Victims / survivors of the crime shall be offered assistance as soon as possible; and
 - II. Victims / survivors of the crime shall be provided with referrals to, as appropriate in the circumstances, emergency services, health care professionals, victim support agencies, social service agencies and other appropriate governmental, non-governmental or community organizations.
- d) The information to be provided to police officers on criminal harassment, ensuring that Members are familiar with the offence provisions in the Criminal Code relating to criminal harassment offenses; and
- e) Compliance with *Ontario Regulation 394/23 - Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements* for criminal harassment cases that fall within the definition of major case.

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