



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Witness Protection Policy (LE-018)

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Legislation: Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

1. **Policy Statement**

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to safeguarding the safety and security of witnesses, who form an important part of policing and the prosecution of criminal offences. The Board is dedicated to providing comprehensive support through a designated Witness Protection Liaison Officer, and by equipping Kingston Police Service members with the knowledge and tools required to uphold the highest standards of witness protection and security.

2. **Board Policy**

It is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board with respect to witness protection and security that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes in respect of witness protection and security;
- b) Ensure that the Police Service, when applicable, has a Witness Protection Liaison Officer, or an arrangement with another police service to use their Witness Protection Liaison Officer;

- c) Ensure that witnesses are protected from harm by the police services' participation in the Witness Assistance and Relocation Program;
- d) Ensure that Members are aware of the provisions of the Witness Protection Act and are kept informed of changes in the law relating to witness protection;
- e) Where witnesses are also victims of crime, ensure that the support of the local Victim Services has been offered; and
- f) Regularly review procedures for witnesses to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

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