



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Material - Internet Child Exploitation Policy (LE-021)

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1. Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) recognizes the critical importance of protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation, including offences involving child sexual abuse and exploitation material. The Board affirms that the safety, dignity, and well-being of children are fundamental to community safety and public confidence in policing. It is the policy of this Board to direct the Chief of Police to establish and maintain effective procedures for the prevention, detection, and investigation of child sexual abuse and exploitation material offences, in accordance with applicable legislation and provincial strategies.

2. Board Policy

It is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board with respect to child sexual abuse and exploitation material (internet child exploitation) investigations that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Develop and maintain written procedures that require that investigations be undertaken in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures and the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* and its *Regulations*;
- b) Require that the "Provincial Strategy" Internet Child Exploitation Unit - OPP (ICE) may be consulted, and/or any other relevant agency outside of Ontario may be consulted, in relation to a child sexual abuse and exploitation material (internet child exploitation) investigation

- c) Ensure that police officers investigating child sexual abuse and exploitation material (internet child exploitation) have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities, and that information technology expertise supports these investigations;
- d) Ensure that Kingston Police partners with agencies that can assist in the prevention, detection, and investigation of child sexual abuse and exploitation material (internet child exploitation) offences;
- e) Ensure adequate support is provided to support the psychological well-being of members and to recognize risks associated with long-term effects from exposure to Internet child exploitation investigation-related activities;
- f) If the police service does not have the resources to undertake an investigation into child sexual abuse and exploitation material (internet child exploitation) it will make arrangements with the Provincial Strategy Coordinator to transfer responsibility for the investigation to another law enforcement agency;
- g) Ensure that the Provincial Strategy Coordinator be contacted upon identifying a victim of child sexual abuse or exploitation material (internet child exploitation) to support the appropriate handling of any images or videos of the identified victim for the International Child Exploitation database; and
- h) Report to the Board, in the annual report and in a manner that protects personal information and investigative integrity, on the incidents of child sexual abuse and exploitation material (internet child exploitation), the dispositions of criminal offences, and any training, public awareness, and member-support activities undertaken by the Kingston Police

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