



WATERLOO REGIONAL
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VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE

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Policy of the Board

It is the policy of the Waterloo Regional Police Service Board with respect to providing assistance to victims that the Chief of Police will:

1. Work in partnership with the Ministry of the Attorney General's Victim/Witness Assistance Program (V/WAP) and agencies that deliver the Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) program, where available, municipalities, community and social service agencies and other local organizations to promote the development of an integrated service delivery framework for providing assistance to victims including safety planning;
2. Ensure that members of the police service are aware of victim service providers or victim referral services available in the area;
3. Establish procedures on providing assistance to victims that reflect the *Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995* and the *Canadian Victims Bill of Rights*; and
4. Ensure that in each instance where there is police service contact with one or more victims of crime involving physical and/or psychological injury, that such victims are referred to the appropriate community service available in their area.