



WATERLOO REGIONAL
POLICE SERVICE
BOARD

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURRENCES

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Policy of the Board

1. It is the policy of the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board with respect to domestic violence occurrences that the Chief of Police will:
 - a. in partnership with the local Crown, Probation and Parole, Victim/Witness Assistance Programme (VWAP), Victim Crisis and Referral Service (VCARS) where available, municipalities, Family and Children's Services and other local service providers and community representatives responsible for issues related to domestic violence, including women's shelters, work to establish and maintain one or more domestic violence coordinating committees within the jurisdiction of the Service;
 - b. implement one or more of the models set out in Ministry guidelines for the investigation of domestic violence occurrences and ensure that the Service has access to trained domestic violence investigators;
 - c. develop and maintain procedures for undertaking and managing investigations into domestic violence occurrences that address:
 - i. communications and dispatch;
 - ii. initial response;
 - iii. enhanced investigative procedures;
 - iv. the mandatory laying of charges where there are reasonable grounds to do so, including in cases where there is a breach of a bail condition, probation, parole or a restraining order;
 - v. the use of a risk indicators tool;
 - vi. children at risk;
 - vii. high risk cases and repeat offenders;
 - viii. occurrences involving members of a police service;

- ix. post-arrest procedures;
 - x. victim assistance; and
 - xi. safety planning;
- d. ensure that the Service's response to domestic violence occurrences are monitored and evaluated; and
 - e. ensure that officers and other appropriate members receive the appropriate Ministry accredited training.