



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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Rescinds: OSPSB-OPS-006 Family/
Domestic Violence Occurrences

LE-024OSPSB Intimate Partner
Violence Incidents

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Services Board with respect to intimate violence occurrences that the Chief of Police will:

- a) In partnership with the Police Service's local Crown, Probation and Parole Services, Victim/Witness Assistance Programme (VWAP), Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO), municipalities, Bruce Grey Child and Family Services (BGCFS) and other local service providers and community representatives responsible for issues related to Intimate Partner Violence, including women's shelters, work to establish and maintain one or more domestic violence review committees that cover the geographic areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the Police Service;
- b) Implement one or more of the models set out in Ministry guidelines for the investigation of Intimate Partner Violence occurrences and ensure that the Police Service has access to trained Intimate Partner Violence investigators;
- c) Develop and maintain procedures for undertaking and managing investigations into Intimate Partner Violence occurrences that address:
 - I. Communication centre;
 - 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 Police Service's response to Intimate Partner Violence occurrences are monitored and evaluated; and
- e) Ensure that officers and other appropriate members receive the appropriate Ministry accredited training.

Chair

Date