

Policy Type: **Governance Process**

Policy Title: **Engagement with the Community**



Policy Statement

The Durham Regional Police Service Board strives to ensure that the services provided by the Durham Regional Police Service meet the standards and expectations of the community and stakeholders. In order to execute its responsibility to represent the public interest as the civilian governance and oversight body for the police, the Board must understand the perspectives, positions, and experiences of citizens and partner agencies as they relate to policing and community safety. This understanding will assist the Board in establishing priorities and objectives for policing, developing policies and budgets, and assessing and evaluating whether the community's policing needs are being met. Furthermore, by raising awareness of the role, authority and actions of the Police Service Board and communicating its purpose and priorities, the Board aims to strengthen public trust and confidence in the police.

Policy Application

1. On an annual basis, representative(s) of the Board shall:
 - a. Make a presentation to each local municipal Council
 - b. Participate in quarterly updates to Regional Council
 - c. Meet each local Member of Provincial Parliament
 - d. Meet with a minimum of six community groups representing the diversity of the Region and the priorities identified in the Strategic Plan.
2. The Board shall actively promote public awareness of the Board's actions, deliberations and decisions through the means available, such as the Board' web site.

Reporting

The Executive Director shall prepare a report to the Board on an annual basis summarizing the Board's activities related to this policy.