

Policy Type: **Executive Limitations**

Policy Title: **Conduct of Investigations**



Policy Statement

Investigations into criminal and other matters are a core function of the Durham Regional Police Service. The Board recognizes that successful investigations lead to greater levels of community safety and improved public confidence in the police. Conversely, investigations that lead to wrongful accusations are severely detrimental to community confidence, and organizational rigour must therefore be applied to ensure that the highest standards of investigative excellence are embraced.

Policy Application

1. The Chief of Police shall comply with Ontario Regulation 395/23 – Investigations and ensure that:

a) The Police Service has at least one of each of the following individuals available 24 hours a day:

- i. A senior investigator;
- ii. A supervisor;
- iii. A major case manager.

b) the following procedures are in place, and updated on a regular basis:

- i. Procedures regarding notifying supervisors of matters for the purposes of section 6;
- ii. Procedures for undertaking investigations;
- iii. Procedures for the management of information relating to investigations; and
- iv. Procedures for managing informers and agents and ensuring their security.

c) Consultation occurs with the Crown Attorney regarding any concerns raised by the Crown Attorney or judiciary regarding the investigation procedures or the practices of members of the Police Service related to any aspect of an investigation, and appropriate follow up and review is conducted when concerns are identified.

d) Members of the DRPS are deployed as required to undertake or supervise investigations.

- e) Extensive cooperation occurs with police in other jurisdictions to maximize investigative effectiveness.
- f) The following factors are considered when determining the number of members of the Police Service that are required to undertake and supervise an investigation:
 - i. Data on the workload of members conducting investigations from the previous five years;
 - ii. The crime severity index for areas being policed;
 - iii. The clearance rates for the areas being policed;
 - iv. The strategic plan for the police service; and
 - v. The geographical characteristics of the community.

Reporting

1. The Chief of Police shall submit an annual report to the Board demonstrating compliance with this policy. The report to the Board shall also include:
 - a. the number of major cases in the preceding year, as defined in Ontario Regulation 395/23, which is to be reported to the Minister by February 28 of the following year.
 - b. the number of ViCLAS Crime Analysis Reports submitted by members of the Police Service in the preceding year, not including updated reports, which is to be reported to the Minister by February 28 of the following year.