



BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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LE-034 Sexual Assault Investigation

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Assistance to Victims of Crime – *section 13 of Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*. The following standards for effective policing respecting assistance to victims of crime are prescribed:

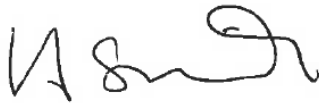
- a) Victims of crime shall be offered assistance, as soon as possible; and
- b) Victims of crime shall be provided with referrals to, as appropriate in the circumstances, emergency services, health care professionals, victim support agencies, social service agencies and other appropriate governmental, non-governmental or community organizations.

It is the policy of the Belleville Police Service Board (the Board) that Members will adhere to the principles of the *Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995* and the *Canadian Victims Bill of Rights*.

It is the policy of the Board with respect to sexual assault investigations that the Chief of Police will:

1. Develop and maintain written procedures that:
 - a) Require that investigations be undertaken in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures;
 - b) Require compliance with *Ontario Regulation 392/93 - Major Case Management and Software Requirements*;

- c) Address communications and dispatch, initial response and investigations relating to sexual assaults; and
 - d) Address community notification.
2. Work, where possible, with hospitals and agencies which provide services to victims of sexual assault, including Sexual Assault Treatment Centres, Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centres, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response Program (DVSARP) and Victim Services Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington, as well as the local Crown, to ensure a coordinated and effective response to victims of sexual assaults; and
 3. Ensure that the investigators have received the prescribed training as outlined in *section 34 of Ontario Regulation 87/24 - Training* or have the competence and experience to conduct the investigation, including victims' assistance.



Chair

August 10, 2026

Date