



BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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VA-001 Victims' Assistance

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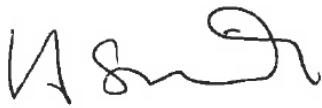
Assistance to Victims of Crime - *section 13 of Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*. The following standards for adequate and effective policing respecting assistance to victims of crime are prescribed:

- 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 with respect to providing assistance to victims that the Chief of Police will:

1. Work in partnership with the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP), Victim Services Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington (VSHPELA), Municipalities, community, social service agencies, and other local organizations, to promote the development of an integrated service delivery framework for providing assistance to victims, including safety planning;
2. Establish and maintain written procedures on providing assistance to victims that reflect the principles of the *Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995* and the *Canadian Victims Bill of Rights*;

3. Establish and maintain written procedures that outline the responsibilities of Members of the Police Service in providing assistance to victims;
4. Ensure that Members of the Police Service are aware of victim service providers or a victim referral service available in the area; and
5. Ensure that in each instance where there is a Police Service contact with one or more victims of crime involving physical or psychological injury, that such victims are referred to the appropriate community service provider in the area.



Chair

August 10, 2026

Date