



BY-LAW NO. 493-2024

**A BY-LAW RESPECTING
PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING**

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 WHEREAS subsection 37 (1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, (“CSPA”) provides that a Board shall provide adequate and effective policing in the area for which it has policing responsibility as required by Section 10 of the CSPA;
- 1.2 AND WHEREAS subsection 38 (2) of the CSPA provides that a Police Service Board may establish policies respecting matters related to the Police Service or the provision of policing;
- 1.3 AND WHEREAS O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;
- 1.4 AND WHEREAS the Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in Section 1 of the CSPA, with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to Section 37 and 38 of the CSPA to require the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on problem-oriented policing;
- 1.5 AND WHEREAS the Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish a policy on problem-oriented policing;
- 1.6 AND WHEREAS Part CP-001 of the Policing Standards Manual (2000), a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, contains guidelines directing the police service relative to problem-oriented policing.

NOW THEREFORE THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICE BOARD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “Act” or “CSPA” means the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, and amendments thereto;
- 2.2 “Board” means the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board;
- 2.3 “Chief” means the Chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service;
- 2.4 “Manual” means the Policing Standards Manual published by the Ministry of the Solicitor General;
- 2.5 “Member” means a member of the Niagara Regional Police Service;

2.6 “Service” means the Niagara Regional Police Service.

3 BOARD POLICY

3.1 Public safety, quality of life, and prevention of crime are of the utmost importance to the Board, and it is therefore the policy of this Board to pursue problem-oriented policing in a professional and thorough manner, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this By-law.

4 DIRECTION TO THE CHIEF

4.1 PROCEDURES

4.1.1 The Chief shall develop procedures to support the promotion and implementation of problem-oriented policing in accordance with Appendix A.

4.1.2 The Chief shall require appropriate supervisors and front-line Members to promote and implement problem-oriented policing initiatives to respond to identified crime, community safety, public disorder and road safety problems, including repeat calls for service and repeat victimization.

4.2 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

4.2.1 The Chief shall require appropriate supervisors and front-line Members to promote and implement problem-oriented policing initiatives, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, businesses, community organizations and members of the public to address crime, public disorder and road safety problems.

4.3 INFORMATION ON PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING

4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that supervisors and front-line Members are provided with information and resource material on problem-oriented policing.

4.3.2 The Chief shall ensure that a statistical and information reporting program is in place to ensure clear, adequate periodic reports and reviews.

4.4 IMPLEMENTATION

4.4.1 The Chief shall promote the use of directed patrol, targeted enforcement and other initiatives to respond to high crime or high occurrence places/areas and serial occurrences.

5 REPORT TO THE BOARD

5.1 The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of every year in respect of problem-oriented policing. This report will contain:

- (a) a summary of the written procedures regarding problem-oriented policing;
- (b) the status of Service compliance with the said procedures;
- (c) the steps taken by the Service to promote, implement and evaluate problem-oriented policing initiatives.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

- 6.1 By-law No. 191-2000 and all other By-laws, sections of By-laws and procedural policies of the Board inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law are hereby repealed effective March 31, 2024.
- 6.2 This By-law shall come into force on April 1, 2024.
- 6.3 The Chief shall implement this By-law, where applicable, through General Order.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 25th day of April, 2024.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICE BOARD



Jen Lawson, Chair



Deb Reid, Executive Director

Attachment (1)

Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on problem-oriented policing. In addition, section 3 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on problem-oriented policing.

Sample Board Policy

Board Policy # _____

It is the policy of the _____ Police Services Board with respect to problem-oriented policing that the Chief of Police will:

- a) require appropriate supervisors and front-line members to work, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, businesses, community organizations and members of the public to address crime, public disorder and road safety problems;
- b) require appropriate supervisors and front-line members to promote and implement problem-oriented policing initiatives to respond to identified crime, community safety, public disorder and road safety problems, including repeat calls for service and repeat victimization;
- c) ensure that supervisors and front-line members are provided with information and resource material on problem-oriented policing;
- d) promote the use of directed patrol, targeted enforcement and other initiatives to respond to high crime or high occurrence places/areas and serial occurrences;
- e) develop procedures to support the promotion and implementation of problem-oriented policing; and
- f) provide information in the annual report on the steps taken by the police service to promote, implement and evaluate problem-oriented policing initiatives.

Police Service Guidelines

Procedures

1. Every police service's procedures on problem-oriented policing should:
 - a) require appropriate supervisors and front-line members to promote and implement problem-oriented policing initiatives to respond to identified crime, public disorder and road safety problems, including repeat calls for service and repeat victimization;
 - b) require appropriate supervisors and front-line members to work, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, businesses, community organizations and members of the public to address crime, public disorder and road safety problems;
 - c) set out the steps for obtaining approval for, and evaluating, initiatives designed to respond to identified problems;

- d) promote the use of directed patrol, targeted enforcement and other initiatives to respond to high crime or high occurrence places/areas and serial occurrences; and
- e) require the appropriate level of supervisor to periodically report back to the Chief of Police, or designate, on the steps being taken to address identified problems.

*Information
and
Resource
Material*

- 2. Every police service should provide appropriate supervisors and front-line members with information and resource material on:
 - a) problem identification;
 - b) problem analysis;
 - c) problem response, including the development of proposals/initiatives; and
 - d) the monitoring and evaluation of initiatives.