



BY-LAW NO. 191 - 2000

**A BY-LAW RESPECTING
PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING
(CP-001)**

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 WHEREAS subsection 31(1) of the *Police Services Act* provides that a Board is responsible for the provision of police services and for law enforcement and crime prevention in the municipality and shall:
- b. generally determine after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities with respect to police service in the municipality;
 - c. establish priorities for the effective management of the police service, and
 - e. direct the Chief of Police and monitor his or her performance;
- 1.2 AND whereas subsection 31(6) of the *Police Services Act* provides that the Board may, by by-law, make rules for the effective management of the police service;
- 1.3 AND whereas O. Reg. 3/99 prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;
- 1.4 AND whereas section 3 of O.Reg.3/99 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on problem-oriented policing;
- 1.5 AND whereas section 29 of O.Reg.3/99 requires the police services board to have 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 SERVICES BOARD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

2 ***DEFINITIONS***

- 2.1 "Act" means *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended;
- 2.2 "Board" means the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services 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 "Ministry" means the Ministry of the Solicitor General;
- 2.7 "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 This By-law shall come into force upon the date of its passage.

6.2 The Chief shall implement this By-law, where applicable, through general order.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 14th day of December, 2000.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Chairperson

Shelley Gordon

Vice Chairperson

R. Ted Salci

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.

