



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report – Police Response to High-Risk Individuals
January 1 to December 31, 2023

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2024-05-27

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board (Board) receive this report for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to advise the Board that the Niagara Regional Police Service (Service) is in compliance with By-Law 489-2024 - Police Response to High-Risk Individuals.
- By-Law 489-2024 contains provisions requiring the Chief of Police to report specific information in relation to legislative guidelines.
- This report is submitted to provide the Board with the necessary and required information pursuant to the operation of the Police Response to High-Risk Individuals.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained within this report.

Analysis

In accordance with By-Law 489-2024, the Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year in respect of police response to high-risk individuals. The report shall include:

- a) A summary of the written procedures regarding police response to high-risk individuals;
- b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedures; and
- c) Confirmation that members have been trained in accordance with Section 4.4.

The following is a detailed response to each of the above-noted requirements:

- a) *“...a summary of the written procedures regarding police response to high-risk individuals...”*

The Service has an Offender Management Protocol (Protocol) with Correctional Services Canada, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) – Community Services (formerly known as the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Probation and Parole) and SOLGEN – Niagara Detention Centre (formerly known as Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - Niagara Detention Centre).

The Protocol is a community-driven document that outlines how our community will make a coordinated effort to effectively manage persons in, or returning to the community, who pose a threat to the safety of the community.

In addition to presenting clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all service providers, the Protocol delineates the approach and agreed upon principles. This results in a consistent, comprehensive, and knowledgeable response from the above-mentioned services within our community. The Protocol was updated by the partner agencies in 2018 and signed in 2019.

General Order (GO) 190.06 - Police Response to High-Risk Individuals was created in response to Adequacy and Effective Policing LE-047 and Board By-Law 489-2024. This Order clearly defines the purpose, policy, procedures, and duties of the Local Registrar in relation to the operation of the Sex Offender Registry. GO 190.06 was reviewed in 2021 and is currently scheduled to be re-evaluated.

- b) *“...the status of Service compliance with said procedures...”*

The Offender Management Unit (OMU) has met the standards required under Adequacy and Effective Policing LE-047 - Police Response to High-Risk Individuals and the Board By-Law 489-2024. Working in partnership with the appropriate community and government agencies, the OMU ensures a co-ordinated and effective strategy in response to high-risk individuals.

In addition to working in partnerships, the OMU has made numerous applications under Sections 810.1 and 810.2 of the Criminal Code of Canada (Criminal Code), in response to persons who were at large in the community without any form of supervision. These applications resulted in court ordered restrictions that ensure these individuals are monitored within the community. As required, the Community Notification and Advisory Committee meets to make appropriate recommendations to the Chief of Police, to inform the public of individuals in the community who have been deemed to be at a high risk to reoffend.

- c) *"...confirmation that members have been trained in accordance with Section 4.4..."*

The investigators assigned to the OMU have attended training in relation to Dangerous Offender Applications, the Special Interest Police category on CPIC (Canadian Police Information Center), Threat and Risk Assessment, and applications under Sections 810.1 and 810.2 of the Criminal Code. Further, a designated investigator within the OMU receives ongoing training in High-Risk Assessments and continues to support uniform and other investigative units.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

To comply with the provisions of Board By-Laws and to maintain compliance with Adequacy and Effective Policing.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Board By-Law 489-2024 - Police Response to High-Risk Individuals
GO 190.06 - Police Response to High-Risk Individuals

Other Pertinent Reports

8.10 - 2023.06.22 – Annual Report – Police Response to High-Risk Individuals – January 1 to December 31, 2022.

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Appendices

Not applicable.