



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report – Ontario Sex Offender Registry
January 1 to December 31, 2024

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2025-05-21

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 453-2024 – Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR).
- By-Law 453-2024 contains provisions requiring the Chief of Police to report specific information in order to ensure compliance with the legislative guidelines.
- This report is submitted to provide the Board with the necessary and required information pursuant to the operation of the OSOR.

Financial Considerations

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

Analysis

In accordance with By-Law 453-2024, the Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year in respect of the OSOR. The report shall include:

- a) A summary of the written procedures regarding the Ontario Sex Offender Registry;
- b) The status of Service compliance with said procedures; and
- c) Confirmation that members have been trained with respect to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, consistent with the role and responsibilities assigned to them, and with respect to the federal legislation for the purposes of managing the sex offenders in their jurisdiction.

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

- a) *"...a summary of the written procedures regarding the Ontario Sex Offender Registry..."*

General Order (GO) 178.09 - Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR) was created in response to Adequate and Effective Policing LE-046 and Board By-Law 453-2024. The GO clearly defines the purpose, policy, procedures, and duties of the Local Registrar, in relation to the operation of the OSOR.

GO 178.09 was reviewed in 2021 and is currently scheduled to be re-evaluated.

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

The duties of the OSOR Local Registrar for the Niagara Region are completed by a detective assigned to the Service's Offender Management Unit (OMU).

The Service meets the requirements under Adequate and Effective Policing LE-046, OSOR, and Board By-Law 453-2024.

Currently, the Service has an offender compliance rate of 98.2%. Investigations and arrest warrants have been initiated on the 1.8% of outstanding non-compliant offenders.

- c) *"...confirmation that members have been trained with respect to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, consistent with the role and responsibilities assigned to them, and with respect to the federal legislation for the purposes of managing the sex offenders in their jurisdiction..."*

The detective constables of the OMU are designated as the Sex Offender Registrars for the Service and have attended all training in relation to the operation of the OSOR and the National Sex Offender Registry. They possess the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the duties of the Local Registrar.

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 Adequate and Effective Policing requirements.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Board By-Law 453-2024 - Ontario Sex Offender Registry
GO 178.09 - Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR)

Other Pertinent Reports

8.10 - 2024.06.27– Annual Report – Ontario Sex Offender Registry – January 1 to December 31, 2023.

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Appendices

Not applicable.