

**POLICY NO. LE-013
POLICE RESPONSE TO PERSONS WHO ARE
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED OR HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS
OR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**

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1.0 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:

- 1.1.1 Generally determine after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities with respect to the Police Service in the Municipality;
- 1.1.2 Establish priorities for the effective management of the Police Service, and
- 1.1.3 Direct the Chief of Police and monitor their performance.

1.2 AND whereas ***O. Reg. 3/99*** prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of Police Services.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 **Board** – shall mean the Barrie Police Services Board.
- 2.2 **BPS** – the acronym for the Barrie Police Service.
- 2.3 **Chief** – shall mean the Chief of Police.

3.0 Policy

3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to the Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability, that the Chief will:

- 3.1.1 Work, where possible, with appropriate Community Members and Agencies, Health Care Providers, Government Agencies, Municipal Officials, other Criminal Justice Agencies, and the local Crown to address service issues relating to persons who have a Mental Illness or Development Disability.
- 3.1.2 Establish procedures and processes that address the Police response to person who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability.
- 3.1.3 Ensure that the BPS's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with Officers, Communications Operators/Dispatchers and Supervisors on:
 - 3.1.4 Local protocols, and
 - 3.1.5 Conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be Emotionally Disturbed, or may have a Mental Illness or Development Disability.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Board Chair

Board Administrator