

**POLICY NO. LE-024  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
OCCURRENCES**

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**Related BPS Procedures**

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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.

2.4 **VCARS** – the acronym for the Victim Crisis and Referral Service.

2.5 **VWAP** – the acronym for the Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

**3.0 Policy**

- 3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to Domestic Violence Occurrences, that the Chief will:
  - 3.2 Ensure in partnership with the BPS’s local Crown, Probation and Parole Services, VWAP, VCARS, Municipalities, local Children’s Aid Societies and other local service providers and community representatives responsible for issues related to Domestic Violence, including Women’s Shelters, work to establish and maintain one (1) or more Domestic Violence Coordinating Committees that cover the geographic areas that fall within the jurisdiction of BPS.
  - 3.3 Implement one (1) or more of the models set out in Ministry Guidelines for the investigation of Domestic Violence occurrences and ensure that BPS has access to trained Domestic Violence Investigators.
  - 3.4 Develop and maintain procedures for undertaking and managing investigations into Domestic Violence Occurrences that address:
    - 3.4.1 Communications and dispatch.
    - 3.4.2 Initial response.
    - 3.4.3 Enhanced investigative procedures.
    - 3.4.4 The mandatory laying of charges where there are reasonable grounds to do so, including in cases where there is a Breach of:
      - 3.4.4.1 A Bail Condition.
      - 3.4.4.2 Probation.
      - 3.4.4.3 Parole, or
      - 3.4.4.4 A Restraining Order.
    - 3.4.5 The use of a risk indicators tool.
    - 3.4.6 Children at risk.
    - 3.4.7 High risk cases and repeat Offenders.
    - 3.4.8 Occurrences involving BPS Members.
    - 3.4.9 Post-arrest procedures.
    - 3.4.10 Victim assistance, and
    - 3.4.11 Safety planning.
  - 3.5 Ensure that the BPS response to Domestic Violence occurrences are monitored and evaluated, and
  - 3.6 Ensure that Officers and other appropriate Members receive the appropriate Ministry accredited training.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Board Chair

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Board Administrator