

**POLICY NO. LE-026  
MISSING PERSONS**

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**Related BPS Procedures**

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- [Procedure #10](#) – Missing Persons

**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 undertaking and managing investigations into Missing Persons, that the Chief will develop and maintain procedures that:
- 3.1.1 Set out the steps to be followed for undertaking investigations into reports of Missing Persons, including situations involving children, teenagers and elder and vulnerable adults.
  - 3.1.2 Ensure investigative follow-up on outstanding cases.
  - 3.1.3 Where circumstances indicate a strong possibility of foul play, require Officers to comply with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual.
  - 3.1.4 Ensure an AMBER Alert Activation is considered in all missing children investigations, and Major Case Management is implemented in all cases involving AMBER Alert Activation.

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

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Board Chair

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Board Administrator