



**BY-LAW NO. 192 - 2000**

**A BY-LAW RESPECTING  
COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION  
(CP-002)**

**1. 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:
- b. generally determine after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities with respect to police service in the municipality;
  - c. establish priorities for the effective management of the police service, and
  - e. direct the Chief of Police and monitor his or her performance;
- 1.2 AND whereas subsection 31(6) of the *Police Services Act* provides that the Board may, by by-law, make rules for the effective management of the police service;
- 1.3 AND whereas O. Reg. 3/99 prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;
- 1.4 AND whereas subsection 1(1) of O.Reg.3/99 requires the police service to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.5 AND where section 2 of O.Reg.3/99 provides that a police services may use members of the police service, auxiliary members, special constables and volunteers in community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.6 AND whereas section 3 of O.Reg.3/99 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.7 AND whereas section 29 of O.Reg.3/99 requires a police services board to have a policy on community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.8 AND whereas Part CP-002 of the Policing Standards Manual (2000), a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, contains guidelines directing the Chief and the police service relative to community-based crime prevention initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**2 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 “Act” means *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended;
- 2.2 “Board” means the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board;
- 2.3 “Chief” means the Chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service;

2.4 “Manual” means the Policing Standards Manual published by the Ministry of the Solicitor General;’

2.5 “Member” means a member of the Niagara Regional Police Service;

2.6 “Service” means the Niagara Regional Police Service.

### **3 BOARD POLICY**

3.1 Public safety, quality of life and the prevention of crime are of the utmost importance to the Board, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that community-based crime prevention procedures be established by the Chief as directed in this By-law.

### **4 DIRECTION TO THE CHIEF**

#### **4.1 PROCEDURES**

4.1.1 The Chief shall establish written procedures on community-based crime prevention initiatives in accordance with Appendix A;

#### **4.2 SERVICE DELIVERY**

4.2.1 The Chief shall identify the need, and recommend service delivery options, for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, calls and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety and community needs;

#### **4.3 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that the Service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses and neighbouring municipalities or jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives;

#### **4.4 COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER**

4.4.1 The Chief shall designate a Member who, in addition to other duties, will have overall responsibility for the Service’s involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

### **5 REPORT TO THE BOARD**

5.1 The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year in respect of community-based crime prevention initiatives. The report shall include:

- a. a summary of the written procedures concerning community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- b. the status of Service compliance with the said procedures;
- c. a summary of current crime prevention initiatives and an indication of their success; and
- d. a summary of current concerns, as voiced by the community through the community partnership initiatives.

**6**                    ***IMPLEMENTATION***

6.1                    This By-law shall come into force upon the date of its passage.

6.2                    The Chief shall implement this By-law, where applicable, through general order.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

*(Original signed by Shirley Cordiner)*

**Chairperson**

*(Original signed by R.Ted Salci)*

**Vice Chairperson**

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## Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 1(1) of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police service to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives.

Section 1(2)(a) and 1(2)(b) allows a police service to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives by contracting with another police service, entering into arrangements to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives on a combined, regional or cooperative basis, or entering into an agreement with one or more organizations to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives.

Section 2 provides that a police service may use members of the police service, auxiliary members, special constables and volunteers in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

Furthermore, section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on community-based crime prevention initiatives. In addition, section 3 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on community-based crime prevention initiatives.

## Sample Board Policy

Board Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

It is the policy of the \_\_\_\_\_ Police Services Board with respect to providing community-based crime prevention initiatives that:

- a) the Chief of Police will:
  - i) identify the need, and recommend service delivery options, in accordance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation, for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety and community needs;
  - ii) ensure that the police service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses and neighbouring municipalities or jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives;
  - iii) designate a member to have overall responsibility for the police service's involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives; and
  - iv) establish procedures on crime prevention initiatives; and

- b) this policy does not apply to local crime prevention activities being undertaken by front-line officers and supervisors in accordance with the police service's procedures on problem-oriented policing.

## Police Service Guidelines

### *Procedures*

1. Every Chief of Police should:
  - a) identify the need, and recommend service delivery options to the board, in accordance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation, for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety and community needs; and
  - b) designate a member to have overall responsibility for the police service's involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives.
  
2. Every police service's procedures on crime prevention should:
  - a) set out the role of the member who has overall responsibility for the police service's involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives, including:
    - i) ensuring that the police service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses and neighbouring municipalities or jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives;
    - ii) regularly monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and on-going need for community-based crime prevention initiatives in collaboration with the municipalities, school boards, businesses and community organizations;
    - iii) sharing information with front-line officers and other appropriate members on community-based crime prevention initiatives, including best practices; and
    - iv) sharing information on community-based crime prevention initiatives with other police services, municipalities, government agencies and relevant community and business organizations; and
  - b) address the supervision and use of auxiliaries, special constables and volunteers who are involved in the delivery of the police service's community-based crime prevention initiatives.