



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

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The following standards for effective policing respecting assistance to victims of crime are prescribed:

- I. Victims of crime shall be offered assistance as soon as possible; and
- II. Victims of crime shall be provided with referrals to, as appropriate in the circumstances, emergency services, health care professionals, victim support agencies, social service agencies and other appropriate governmental, non-governmental or community organizations.

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board (the Board) that members will adhere to the principles of the *Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995* and the *Canadian Victims Bill of Rights*.

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board with respect to sexual assault investigations that the Chief of Police will:

a) Develop and maintain written procedures that:

- I. Require that investigations be undertaken in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures;
- II. Require compliance with *Ontario Regulation 392/93 - Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements*;

- III. Address communications and dispatch, initial response and investigations relating to sexual assaults; and
 - IV. Address community notification.
- b) Work, where possible, with hospitals and agencies which provide services to victims of sexual assault, including Sexual Assault Treatment Centres, Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centres and Victim Services Bruce Grey, as well as the local Crown, to ensure a coordinated and effective response to victims of sexual assaults; and
 - c) Ensure that the investigators have received the prescribed training as outlined in section 34 of the *Ontario Regulation 87/24 - Training* or have the competence and experience to conduct the investigation.

Chair

December 18th, 2024
Date

Board Secretary

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