

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

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| Policy No. & Subject: | B-LE-013 – Police Response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability |
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1. **Police Response to persons who are emotionally disturbed, have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability (pursuant to O. Reg. 3/99 and PSM Guideline No. LE-013)**
 - 1.1 It is the policy of the Board that the Service will respond to situations involving persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability.
 - 1.2 To support this policy, the Chief of Police shall:
 - a) 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 are emotionally disturbed, have a mental illness or developmental disability;
 - b) establish procedures and processes that address the Service's response to persons who are emotionally disturbed, have a mental illness or a developmental disability; and
 - c) ensure that the Service's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with Officers, communications operators /dispatchers and Supervisors on:
 - i) local protocols; and
 - ii) conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be emotionally disturbed, or may have a mental illness or developmental disability.