



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Policing Indigenous Occupations and Protests (LE-006)

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1. Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to preserving the peace and enforcing the law during Indigenous occupations and protests in a manner that is respectful, impartial, and culturally informed. It is therefore the policy of the Board to direct the Chief of Police to establish procedures that emphasize communication, de-escalation, and appropriate training to support lawful and effective policing.

2. Board Policy

The objective of policing Indigenous occupations and protests is to preserve the peace, prevent offences, and enforce the law in a manner that respects the rights, dignity, and distinct perspectives of all involved parties. To this end, it is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board with respect to policing Indigenous occupations or protests that:

- a) The role of the police at an Indigenous occupation or protest is to preserve the peace, prevent offences, and enforce the law including offences against persons and property, in accordance with the powers and discretion available to a police officer under the law;
- b) The consideration of police actions at an Indigenous occupation or protest include preserving the peace, communication, negotiation and building trust with participating and affected communities; and

- c) The Chief of Police will develop and maintain written procedures on:
- I. Communicating information in relation to police procedures on Indigenous occupations and protests;
 - II. Training requirements for policing Indigenous occupations and protests that support cultural awareness and trauma-informed practice;
 - III. Fostering community understanding of the police response to the events;
 - IV. The collection and analysis of information prior to and during events; and
 - V. Addressing the uniqueness of Indigenous occupations and protests.
- d) The Chief shall ensure that members receive the appropriate training and that members involved in policing Indigenous occupations and protests have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities and receive training on an ongoing basis.

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Chair

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