Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Policy

Intimate Partner Violence and Gender- Based Violence as a Community Priority

Policy No: 2024-16

Current Revision Date: April 1, 2024

Rescinds all other Policies and Procedures relating to this subject.

Whenever reference is made to "Detachment Commander" ("DC"), the term is intended to include the Ontario Provincial Police ("OPP") more generally to the extent the actual responsibility/authority relating to the establishment of policies, procedures and processes lies at more senior levels within OPP management or as otherwise may be required under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* and regulations (collectively the "CPSA").

1. Policy Statement

1.1. The safety and well-being of the Community of Northumberland County and its residents are of paramount importance to the Board.

1.2. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) also known as domestic violence, poses a significant threat to the security and welfare of individuals within our community, involving any use of physical or sexual force, as well as emotional and psychological abuse in intimate relationships.

1.3. On August 16th, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani acknowledged GBV as an epidemic and committed to addressing this issue comprehensively at the federal level;

1.4. The Board endorses the resolutions by the participating Municipalities Council and with regards to IPV and includes in this GBV.

2. Statutory Authority or References

2.1. CSPA

3. Purpose

3.1. It is imperative for local law enforcement to prioritize and actively contribute to community safety and well-being by addressing the rising incidents of IPV and GPV, particularly considering the alarming increase during the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Scope

4.1. This Policy will apply to Board Members and the Executive Assistant in the conduct of their duties as the Northumberland OPP Detachment and DC in providing adequate and effective police services to the community.

5. Definitions

5.1. As defined herein.

6. Policy Guidelines

6.1. The Board recognizes IPV and GBV as significant concerns affecting the safety and welfare of Northumberland residents.

6.2. The Board commits to prioritizing the prevention and response to IPV and GBV within the community.

6.3. The Board will collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including local government, community organizations, and social support services, to ensure that the prevention and response to IPV and GBV is prioritized in the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan including specific action steps to address IPV/GBV.

6.4. The Board will actively engage in public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives aimed at preventing IPV and GBV and promoting healthy relationships within the community in accordance with the CSPA.

7. Review and Revision History

Revision Date	Description of Changes
April 1, 2024	Reflect new CSPA

Approved and ratified by the Board effective April 1, 2024.

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