Timmins Police Service Board
POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: BP-LE-0013

Policy Name:	Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or Development Disability
Legislative Reference/Authority:	*Community Safety and Policing Act,* Regulation 392/23, Criminal Code, Ontario Human Rights Code, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act,* *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and Mental Health Act*
Replaces:	Policy – BP – LE - 0013 (Formerly associated to the Police Services Act)
Last Revised:	April 21, 2026
Approved By:	Board Chair

BOARD POLICY

1. As prescribed in the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and through Regulation(s) the Timmins Police Service Board shall establish policy(ies) consistent with the *Act,* Regulation(s) and any other applicable legislation.

2. It is the policy of the Timmins Police Service Board with respect to police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or have development disabilities that 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 have a mental illness or developmental disability;
    b. Establish procedures and processes that address the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability; and
    c. Ensure that the police 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.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board