# Timmins Police Service Board
***POLICY***

**POLICY NUMBER:** BP-LE-0024

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| **Policy Name:** | Domestic Violence Occurrences |
| **Legislative Reference/Authority:** | *Community Safety and Policing Act, Regulation(s),*<br>*Criminal Code, Family Law Act and child and Family Services Act* |
| **Replaces:** | Policy – BP – LE - 0024 (Formerly associated to the Police Services Act) |
| **Agreements and Protocols:** | Protocol with the Crown Attorney's Office on Victim Notification Regarding Bail & Protocol with VSND |
| **Last Revised:** | April 22, 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 domestic violence occurrences that the Chief of Police shall:

    a. In partnership with the police service's local Crown, Probation and Parole Services, Victim/Witness Assistance Programme (VWAP), Victim Crisis and Referral Service (VCARS), municipalities, local Children's Aid Societies and other local service providers and community representatives responsible for issues related to domestic violence, including women's shelters, work to establish and maintain one or more domestic violence coordinating committees that cover the geographic areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the police service;
    b. Implement one or more models set out in the Ministry guidelines for the investigation of domestic violence occurrences and ensure that the police service has access to training domestic violence investigators;
    c. Develop and maintain procedures for undertaking and managing investigations into domestic violence occurrences that address:
        i. Communications and dispatch;
        ii. Initial response;
        iii. Enhanced investigative procedures;
        iv. The mandatory laying of charges where there are reasonable grounds to do so, including cases where there is a breach of a bail condition, probation, parole or a restraining order;

v. The use of a risk indicators tool;
vi. Children at risk
vii. High risk cases and repeat offenders;
viii. Occurrences involving members of a police service;
ix. Post-arrest procedures;
x. Victim assistance; and
xi. Safety planning;

d. Ensure that the police service's response to domestic violence occurrences are monitored and evaluated; and
e. Ensure that officers and the other appropriate members receive the appropriate Ministry accredited training.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board