

The Leeds County O.P.P. Detachment Board

Policy No 2: Detachment Board Member Conduct

Effective: July 11, 2024

Policy:

This policy sets out a Code of Conduct for the members of the Leeds County O.P.P. Detachment Board. All Board members are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct for O.P.P. Detachment Board Members, O Reg 409/23 (the 'Regulation'). The provision in this policy are intended to supplement the Regulation.

1. Board members, before taking office, will be required to provide a clear criminal record.
2. Board members shall attend and actively participate in all Board meetings.
3. Board members shall not interfere with the police force's operational decisions and responsibilities or with the day-to-day operation of the police force, including the recruitment and promotion of police officers.
4. Any inquiries or concerns on police issues are to be directed to the Detachment Commander, at a Board meeting.
5. Board members shall undergo any training that may be provided or required for them by the Solicitor General.
6. Board members shall keep confidential any information disclosed or discussed at a meeting of the Board, or part of a meeting of the Board, that was closed to the public.
7. No Board members shall purport to speak publicly on behalf of the Board unless he or she is authorized by the Board to do so.
8. The Board spokesperson shall be the Chair of the Board, or his/her designate.
9. A Board member who expresses disagreement with a decision of the Board shall make it clear that he or she is expressing a personal opinion.

10. Board members shall discharge their duties loyally, faithfully, impartially and according to the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, SO 2019, c 1, as amended from time to time (the 'Act'), any other Act and any regulation, rule or by-law, as provided in their oath or affirmation of office.
11. Board Members shall uphold the letter and spirit of the Code of conduct as set out in this policy and shall discharge their duties in a manner that will inspire public confidence in the abilities and integrity of the Board.
12. Board members shall discharge their duties in a manner that respects the dignity of individuals and in accordance with the Human Rights Code and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Canada).
13. Board members shall not use their office to advance their interests or the interests of any person or organization with whom or with which they are associated.
14. Board members shall not use their office to obtain employment with the Board or the O.P.P. for themselves or their family members. For the purpose of this section "family member" means the parent, spouse or child of the person, as those terms are defined in section 1 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
15. A Board member who applies for employment with the O.P.P., including employment on "contract or on fee for service", shall immediately resign from the Board.
16. Board members shall refrain from engaging in conduct that would discredit or compromise the integrity of the Board or the O.P.P.
17. A Board member whose conduct or performance is being investigated or inquired into by the Inspector General under s. 106 of the Act shall decline to exercise his or her duties as a member of the Board for the duration of the investigation or inquiry.
18. If the Board determines that a Board member has breached the Code of Conduct set out in this policy, the Board shall record that determination in its minutes and may:
 - (a) require the member to appear before the Board and be reprimanded; or
 - (b) request that the Inspector General conduct an investigation into the member's conduct under s 106 of the Act.