

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

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1. **Sudden Death and Found Human Remains (PSM Guideline No. LE-037)**

1.1 It is the policy of the Halton Regional Police Services Board to ensure that sudden or unexplained death investigations and investigations into found human remains are undertaken and managed.

1.2 To support this policy, the Chief of Police shall:

- a) develop and maintain procedures that require that investigations into sudden or unexplained deaths and found human remains be considered potential homicides and be undertaken in accordance with the Service's Criminal Investigation Management Plan;
- b) ensure that Officers investigating sudden or unexplained death and found human remains occurrences have the knowledge, skills and abilities required; and
- c) where an occurrence falls within the definition of a major case, ensure that Officers comply with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual*.