



Policy PoP-02

Matters of Immediate Strategic Significance (Critical Points)

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Purpose

1. The Morden Report highlights the police board responsibility to actively address “critical points”. A critical point is a **Matter of Immediate Strategic Significance** that rapidly elevates the Board’s operational, financial, reputational or other enterprise risk, and therefore calls for the Board’s immediate attention and/or preparedness to take action prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.
2. The timely and accurate receipt of such information positions the Board to respond to public, Inspector General and/or media inquiries and demands, and helps to inform the Board’s assessment of the Matter of Immediate Strategic Significance, as well as any Board decisions that follow from that assessment.
3. Examples of Matters of Immediate Strategic Significance include but are not limited to:
 - 3.1 major incidents resulting in mass casualties;
 - 3.2 incidents where the SIU has invoked its mandate in response to a death or life-threatening injuries;
 - 3.3 any incidents involving, directly or indirectly, senior police officers or civilian directors, board members or public figures that are likely to draw significant media attention; and
 - 3.4 any incident that warrants a special press/media conference involving the Chief of Police.

Requirements

4. When a Matter of Immediate Strategic Significance arises, the Chief or his/her designate shall notify the Board Chair and Board’s CGO of the pertinent information by any electronic notification (e.g. email, phone or text) at the earliest possible time and provide updates as available and necessary.



5. Upon receipt of notification of a Matter of Immediate Strategic Significance from the Chief or designate, the Chair or the CGO shall inform the other Board members of the incident and any updates received.
6. The CGO shall monitor various media outlets for emerging Matters of Strategic Significance which may generate media or public interest and apprise the Board accordingly.

Legislative References:

G06 - Board-Chief Relationship

PoP-05 – Policing Designated Major Events

Procedural By-law