

# LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

**LPSB Policy: 048**

**Title:** Victims' Assistance

**Procedure:** Part 2 Chapter F

**Approved:** May 25, 2000

**Amended:** November 15, 2001

**Revision Approved:** April 18, 2013

## 1. Policy:

It is the policy of the London Police Services Board with respect to providing assistance to victims that the Chief of Police will:

- a) work in partnership with the Ministry of the Attorney General's Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) and agencies that deliver the Victim Crisis and Referral Service (VCARS) program, where available, municipalities, community and social service agencies and other local organizations, promote the development of an integrated service delivery framework for providing assistance to victims, including safety planning;
- b) ensure that members of the LPS are aware of victim service providers or a victim referral service available in the area; and
- c) establish procedures on providing assistance to victims that:
  - i) reflect the principles of the Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995; and
  - ii) set out the roles and responsibilities of members for providing victim's assistance.
- d) ensure that in each instance where there is police service contact with one or more victims of crime involving physical and/or psychological injury, that such victims are referred to the appropriate community service available in their area.

## 2. Reference(s):

- a) Adequacy Standards Guideline: **VA - 001**