



Strathroy- Caradoc Police Services Board

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Directed to: Chairman Pelkman and Board

Meeting Date:

April 16th, 2019

Presented by: Chief Mark Campbell

Attachment(s):

Subject: BR 2019-05 Major Case Management Inspection

In February 2018 the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (Public Safety Division) conducted an audit of the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service related to Major Case Management. The Ministry initially sought Services who were willing to volunteer to open themselves up to an inspection. We were confident with our internal procedures and business practice regarding major case management and asked to be considered one of the first agencies to undergo an inspection.

Some of the Ministry findings included:

- The Inspection team verified that the Service has an internal capacity to conduct investigations into major cases as required by the OMCM Manual
- The Inspection Team found that all events meeting the major case criteria were identified as major cases and entries made into PowerCase
- “Tomstone Data” was entered for all the major cases which were classified as non-threshold by the Service, data that sufficiently describes the event and identity of the victim and any suspects
- All major cases had been approved by a Major Case Manager
- Linkages between major cases, either local or multi-jurisdictional, are required, the inspection team found a missed linkage between two local sexual assault investigations, upon being notified, the Serial Predator Crime Investigations Coordinator (SPCIC) was informed.

The Ministry also provided a Service Improvement Plan (SIP) template outlining inspection report recommendations based on Mandatory Legislative/Regulatory requirements, Advisory elements or good practices. The following were received:

- **Legislative/Regulatory** – Revise procedures on undertaking and managing investigations into sexual assaults to ensure they are consistent with the requirements of the OMCM Manual
 - SCPS Directives LE-006 (Criminal Investigation Management and Procedures) and LE-034 (Sexual Assaults) revised to reflect compliance with OMCM Manual

- **Advisory/Good Practice**

- LE-006 (Criminal Investigation Management and Procedures) updated to ensure compliance with the OMCM Manual to ensure a trained supervisor is responsible for determining if a major case is a threshold event and ensuring the full requirements of the OMCM Manual are met.
- LE-034 (Sexual Assaults) procedure updated to ensure a Major Case Manager approves the investigation to ensure potential linkages are researched and reporting made to the Serial Predator Crime Investigations Coordinator (SPCIC)

The Service is confident we have met the requirements/recommendations of the Ministry as requested/directed through the Service Improvement Plan (SIP). The revamped procedures were submitted to the Ministry for review by Tom Gervais; they were returned with suggested amendments that have been included when the procedures were revised.

RECOMENDATION: For Board Approval

Or: Motion:

Respectfully Submitted,



**Mark Campbell,
Chief of Police**