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The following standards for effective policing respecting assistance to victims of crime are prescribed:

   I.   Victims of crime shall be offered assistance as soon as possible; and

   II.   Victims of crime shall be provided with referrals to, as appropriate in the circumstances, emergency services, health care professionals, victim support agencies, social service agencies and other appropriate governmental, non-governmental or community organizations.
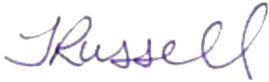
It is the policy of the Deep River Police Service Board (the Board) that members will adhere to the principles of the *Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995 and the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights*.

It is the policy of the Board with respect to sexual assault investigations that the Chief of Police will:

a) Develop and maintain written procedures that:

   I.   Require that investigations be undertaken in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures;

   II.   Require compliance with *Ontario Regulation 392/93 - Major Case Management and Software Requirements*;

   III.   Address communications and dispatch, initial response and investigations relating to sexual assaults; and
   IV.   Address community notification.

b) Work, where possible, with hospitals and agencies which provide services to victims of sexual assault, including Sexual Assault Treatment Centres, Sexual Assault/Rape

Crisis Centres and Victim Services Renfrew County, as well as the local Crown, to ensure a coordinated and effective response to victims of sexual assaults; and

c) Ensure that the investigators have received the prescribed training as outlined in section 34 of the *Ontario Regulation 87/24 - Training* or have the competence and experience to conduct the investigation, including victims' assistance.

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Chair

21 October 2025

Date