

**NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
POLICE RESPONSE TO PERSONS WHO ARE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED
OR HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS OR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY POLICY**

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PREAMBLE:

It is the policy of the North Bay Police Services Board with respect to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability that the Chief of Police will:

- a. Work, where possible, with appropriate community members and agencies, health care providers, government agencies, municipal officials, other criminal justice agencies and the local Crown to address service issues relating to persons who have a mental illness or developmental disability:

- b. Establish procedures and processes that address the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability; and

- c. Ensure that the Force's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with officers, communicators operators/dispatchers and supervisors on:
 - (i) local protocols;
 - (ii) conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be emotionally disturbed, or may have mental illness or developmental disability.

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Signed: Colin P. Vezina
 Chairman

 Susan Vester
 Secretary

This policy is subject to the provision of an adequate annual operating budget to enable the Chief of Police to plan for the deployment of personnel and resources, and the absence of any other intervening factors that may frustrate the ability of the Police Service to implement this Policy.