



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting  
March 27, 2024  
For Information

Report of the Chief of Police

### Missing Persons Act, 2018

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#### 1. Recommendation

That the Board receive this annual report and forward the attachment, Ontario Solicitor General, Annual Report Template, to the Ministry of the Solicitor General in accordance with *O. Reg. 182/19*.

#### 2. Purpose

This report will provide an overview of reporting requirements under the *Missing Persons Act, 2018* (the Act) and detail any urgent demands made under the Act by York Regional Police in 2023.

#### 3. Background

##### **ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE *MISSING PERSONS ACT***

Under section 8 of the *Missing Persons Act, 2018*, police services are required to report annually on their use of urgent demands under the Act, and police services boards are required to make this report available to the public. The *Missing Persons Act, 2018*, was proclaimed by the government on July 1, 2019 and provides officers with additional resources to use when a person goes missing and there is no evidence of criminal activity. Previously when a person went missing without evidence of criminal activity, police were limited in the ways they could investigate. This Act allows police to respond to missing persons investigations quickly while balancing concerns for an individual's privacy. Officers are able to obtain copies of records that may assist in a search, obtain a court order to allow entry into a premises to search for a missing person and make an urgent demand for records without a court order in certain urgent circumstances.

To ensure transparency and accountability, the Act requires that Chiefs of Police and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police report annually on the use of urgent demands for records by members of the police service using the Ministry's Annual Report Template. This report shall be provided to the Police Services Board by April 1st and must include the total number of urgent demands made that year, the number of missing persons investigations to which they related and a description of the types of records specified in the urgent demands for records. After receiving the report, the Police Services Board shall provide a copy of the report to the Minister and make the report available to the public by June 1st.

Officers who make an urgent demand for records are required to make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the individual whose information has been produced as a result of an urgent demand for records. In addition, officers are also required to report the details of urgent demands for records to an individual designated by the organization, who in turn is required to report to the Police Services Board annually. The individual designated by York Regional Police to receive these reports is the Inspector, Strategic Services Bureau.

## **4. Analysis**

### **DEMANDS FOR RECORDS**

In 2023, there were 23 submissions made to the Inspector, Strategic Services Bureau, outlining urgent demands for records which related to 19 missing persons investigations. Of these 23 submissions, there were eight demands for financial information, six demands for records of telecommunications or records that contained other electronic communications information, four demands for personal health information, two demands for contact or other identifying information, one demand for photos, videos or other records containing visual representation, one demand for records containing travel and accommodation information and one demand for other records.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

There are no financial implications from the results of this report.

## **6. Local Impact**

There are no local impacts from the results of this report.



In accordance with O.Reg.182/19 under the *Missing Persons Act, 2018* the contents included in this report must be prepared by April 1 of each year, and made publicly available by June 1 of each year.

**Data Collection**

**Period of data collection**

Start Date (yyyy/mm/dd)  
2023/01/01

End Date (yyyy/mm/dd)  
2023/12/31

Name of Police Force  
York Regional Police

**Detachment Location (if applicable)**

Unit Number

Street Number  
47

Street Name  
Don Hillock Drive

PO Box

City/Town  
Aurora

Province  
Ontario

Postal Code  
L4G 0S7

Total Number of Urgent Demands made  
23

Number of Missing Persons Investigations in which a demand was made  
19

**Types of records specified in the urgent demands and total number of times that each type of record was included in the urgent demands**

Records	Description	Total number of times demanded
Records containing contact information or other identifying information	<p>Request sent to ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS for subscriber information related to an IP address.</p> <p>Request sent to UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC. for information about device used by the missing person.</p>	2
Photos, videos, or other records containing visual representation	Request sent to MACKENZIE HEALTH for surveillance video.	1

Records	Description	Total number of times demanded
Records of telecommunications or records that contain other electronic communications information, including information about signals related to a person's location	<p>Request sent to META PLATFORMS INC. for IP addresses.</p> <p>Request sent to META PLATFORMS INC. for user information.</p> <p>Request sent to ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS for call records.</p> <p>Request sent to ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS for subscriber information, tracking and transmission data.</p> <p>Request sent to ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS for subscriber information.</p> <p>Request sent to TIKTOK for user information.</p>	6
Records of employment information		
Records of personal health information within the meaning of the <i>Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004</i>	<p>Request sent to ONTARIO MINISTRY OF HEALTH for health card records.</p> <p>Request sent to ONTARIO MINISTRY OF HEALTH for hospital admission information.</p> <p>Request sent to SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE for admittance and discharge information.</p> <p>Request sent to MACKENZIE HEALTH for personal health information on specific date.</p>	4
Records related to services received from a service provider as defined in subsection 2(1) of the <i>Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017</i>		
Records that related to a student of an educational institution		
Records containing travel and accommodation information	Request sent to UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC. for transportation records and tracking data.	1

Records	Description	Total number of times demanded
Records of financial information	<p>Request sent to BMO BANK OF MONTREAL for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to BMO BANK OF MONTREAL for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to BMO BANK OF MONTREAL for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to SCOTIABANK for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to ROYAL BANK OF CANADA for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to ROYAL BANK OF CANADA for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to TD BANK GROUP for banking records.</p> <p>Request sent to ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM for financial transactions on specific date.</p>	8
Other records	Request sent to UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC. for all records on file for missing person.	1