



## NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE BOARD BY-LAW#24

### VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE

<b>POLICY #</b>	NBPSB-VA-001	
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<b>REPORTING REQUIREMENT</b>	Chief to Report Annually	
<b>LEGISLATION</b>	<i>Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended, ss. 31(1)(c), 42(1)(c).  Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services, O. Reg. 3/99, ss. 17 and 29.  Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995.</i>	
<b>OTHER</b>	<i>Policing Standards Manual (2000), VA-001</i>	

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

1. working in partnership with the Ministry of the Attorney General's Victim/Witness Assistance Program (V/WAP) 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;
2. ensure that members of the police service are aware of victim service providers or a victim referral service available in the area;
3. establish procedures on providing assistance to victims; and
4. 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.