

## Chapter 4

### LIAISON WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Standards in this chapter relate to liaison with other agencies.

Establishing and maintaining effective channels of communication between law enforcement agencies and other agencies are essential first steps in improving cooperation. Good liaison can break down barriers that may exist and can result in cost savings to the department.

#### 4.1 Liaison

##### 4.1.1 A written directive establishes procedures for maintaining liaison with criminal justice agencies, including:

- o local adult and young offender courts;
- o Crown Attorney;
- o probation and parole agencies; and
- o adult and young offender correctional agencies.

*Comments: Liaison enables police departments to obtain feedback on investigative error or courtroom error; allows for greater understanding by Crown Attorney of the problems encountered by law enforcement; provides probation and parole department staffs with information about law enforcement objectives and activities; and helps ensure information exchange and coordination between police and correctional authorities. (M M M)*

##### 4.1.2 A written directive establishes procedures for maintaining liaison with other police departments in adjoining jurisdictions or agencies having criminal investigative responsibility in the department's service area.

*Comments: Police departments should assist and cooperate with other federal, provincial and municipal departments. Such cooperation enhances the exchange of information in criminal investigations, the establishment of joint plans for dealing with matters of common concern, and the sharing of statistical and support services. (M M M)*

**4.1.3**      **The department maintains liaison with local fire department officials and emergency medical services.**

*Comments: Periodic meetings will provide a forum for developing plans for traffic direction and control at fire scenes and for resolving other coordination problems that may arise. (M M M)*

**4.1.4**      **A written directive identifies the services and resources available through other public and social service agencies.**

*Comments: The intent of this standard is to ensure that officers are made aware of the diverse resources at their disposal. The department should inform all officers of the resources and services available. (M M M)*