

Codiac Regional Policing Authority

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Framework

Police Act

Under s. 1.1(1) of the *Police Act*, the Minister of Justice and Public Safety shall (a) promote the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime, the efficiency of police services and the development of effective policing, and (b) coordinate the work and efforts of police forces and the RCMP within the Province.

Section 1.1(2) of the *Act* provides that the Minister may provide to boards, councils, police forces, a regional policing authority and the RCMP:

- (i) information and advice respecting the management and operation of police forces and the RCMP in handling special problems, and
- (ii) such other information as the Minister considers to be of assistance.

Finally, Section 1.1 (3) provides that subject to the *Act* and regulations, the Minister may issue guidelines and directives to any police force within the Province for the attainment of the purposes in s. 1.1(1) above.

Governance Guidelines

In 2011, the Department of Public Safety issued the Police Governance and Oversight in New Brunswick Policy Guidelines (“Governance Guidelines”). These Guidelines apply to a regional policing authority, as well as to other models of police governance in use in New Brunswick. The Guidelines offer the following Philosophy for police governance and oversight bodies:

“The Board endorses a contemporary community policing approach and adopts the following definition:

Community policing is an interactive partnership between the public and the police to mutually identify, prioritize, prevent and solve local crime and disorder problems thereby improving quality of life. In New Brunswick, it is understood that all policing activities are aligned with the principles of community policing. Community policing is a way of doing business, a working philosophy with goals and processes that

encompasses a vast array of strategies, programs and tactics. The Police Force and the Board have the responsibility to ensure that policies in place reflect the needs of the community.”

Policy

The Codiac Regional Policing Authority (CRP Authority)’s Philosophy of Policing is as follows:

The CRP Authority supports a philosophy and practice of community-based regional policing, which it defines as an interactive partnership between the public and the police to mutually identify, prioritize, prevent and solve local crime and disorder problems thereby improving the quality of life. Community policing is a way of doing business, a working philosophy with goals and processes that encompasses a vast array of strategies, programs and tactics. The Regional Police Service and the CRP Authority have the responsibility to ensure that policies in place reflect local adaptation to the needs of the community.

In keeping with this policing philosophy, the CRP Authority will strive to uphold the following principles:

- Consultation and collaboration with the diverse community and its various stakeholders
- A customer/client focus
- Continuously striving for excellence in policing
- Ongoing evaluation and improvement
- Outcome-focused
- Participative leadership and governance
- Impartiality, transparency and accountability; and
- A partnership between the police, the CRP Authority, the municipal funding partners, the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada
- Local adaptation