Regulation - LGIC

Major Incident Response Plan

Regulation Number(s): N/A

Instrument Type: Regulation - LGIC

Bill or Act: Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Summary of Proposal:

In March 2019, the government passed the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), as part of the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019. Once in force, the CSPA will replace the current Police Services Act (PSA). The CSPA is an opportunity to modernize policing and enhance community safety in Ontario. As part of the work to bring the Act into force, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen) is working on regulations on a number of matters.

At this time, SolGen is requesting public and stakeholder input on the proposed Major Incident Response Plan (MIRP), which will be incorporated by reference into the Adequate and Effective Policing (General) Regulation made under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

The MIRP will replace the current Provincial Counter Terrorism Plan (PCTP) and is intended to be broader in scope in that it would not solely be limited to acts of terrorism. The MIRP will include a definition of a 'major incident' and outline specific responsibilities of the chief of police or their designate in responding to and effectively managing a major incident. This will include:

Planning: requirements on planning for a major incident, including undertaking risk assessments, developing and maintaining lines of communication for the sharing of information and intelligence, ensuring that a process is in place to identify and access necessary resources, and reviewing and exercising respective procedures annually, and as soon as practicable following legislative and operational changes affecting major incident response.

Operational response, including notification protocols: taking certain steps in responding to the incident, including making prompt notifications through a centralized process via the OPP Provincial Operations Centre (POC).

Inter-agency cooperation, and Information and Intelligence Sharing Protocol: requirements on sharing of information, including intelligence relevant to the major incident with each other and relevant entities as necessary to support an effective response, maintain situational awareness and facilitate coordination of resources.

Public Communications and Media Relations, including Public Alerts: releasing appropriate information to the media and the public; and issuing public alerts as needed using an emergency alert system that delivers alerts through television, radio and wireless devices; and social media notifications.

Post Incident Review: developing a report post incident, reviewing and evaluating the police service's response to the incident; and submitting the report to police service boards and in the case of the OPP, to the Solicitor General.

SolGen welcomes your comments and feedback.

Analysis of Regulatory
Impact:

SOLGEN may be consulting with stakeholders to identify potential costs associated with the given regulation coming into force.

Further Information: Major Incident Response Plan (Download Adobe Reader)

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