




# HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Service Board
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	May 29, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Missing Person Act – Urgent Demands 2024
<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b>	25-034
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	No
<b>OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ITEM:</b>	No
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>  <b>SIGNATURE:</b>	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police 

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Missing Persons Act, enacted in July 2019, addresses barriers faced by Ontario police officers in investigating missing person cases, particularly in non-criminal situations where access to records and permission to conduct searches were limited.
- The legislation aims to enhance police response effectiveness by granting access to records (e.g., telephone, banking, medical, travel) and powers to search premises in certain circumstances, while also considering individual privacy rights.
- Ontario policing agencies can utilize Form 5 under the Missing Persons Act for Urgent Demands in missing person's cases.
- According to Section 8 of the Act, police services must annually report their use of Urgent Demands, covering demands from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year, utilizing Form 7.
- Transparency and public accountability are ensured through reporting results of Urgent Demands to Police Services Boards and posting outcomes on agency websites.
- Past annual reports (2019-2023) are available on the HPS website.

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**INFORMATION**

In accordance with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Missing Person Act, 2018 Ontario Regulation 182/19, the Police Service Board has an obligation to make the annual Urgent Demand for Records report available to the public. Each year, the Chief of Police, or designate is obligated to prepare an annual report and provide a copy to the Police Service Board, in the format approved by the Minister ie: Form 7.

For the current reporting period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Hamilton Police Services made 117 urgent demand for records in relation to 89 Missing Person investigations.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A – Form 7

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c: Ryan Diodati, Deputy Chief – Operations  
Marty Schulenberg, Superintendent – Investigative Services Division  
Ben Thibodeau, Inspector – Investigative Services Division

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