Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Public Order Units
2026-PO-070

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1.0 Authority

1.1 Subsection 37 (1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, ("CSPA")* provides that a Board shall provide adequate and effective policing in the area for which it has policing responsibility as required by Section 10 of the CSPA;

1.2 Subsection 38 (2) of the CSPA provides that a Police Service Board may establish policies respecting matters related to the Police Service or the provision of policing;

1.3 O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) ("the Adequacy Regulation") prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;

1.4 Section 7 of the Adequacy Regulation prescribes standards for Public Order Units including deployment, response times, unit size and supervision;

1.5 Section 8 of the Adequacy Regulation requires a Chief to establish written procedures respecting the functions, responsibilities and reporting relationships of a Public Order Unit and its Members;

1.6 Subsection 2 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Adequacy Regulation prescribes equipment and resources requirements regarding Public Order Units;

1.7 The Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in Section 1 of the CSPA, with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to Sections 37 and 38 of the CSPA to require the Chief to establish procedures on Public Order Units services in accordance with Section 8 of the said Adequacy Regulation;

NOW THEREFORE THE PETERBOROUGH POLICE SERVICE BOARD APPROVES AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

2.0 Definitions

In this Policy:

2.1 **"Act" or "CSPA"** means the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c.1, Sched. 1*, and amendments thereto;

2.2 **"Board"** means the Peterborough Police Service Board;

2.3 **"Chief"** means the Chief of the Peterborough Police Service;

2.4 **"Member"** means a member of the Peterborough Police Service;

2.5 **"Ministry"** means the Ministry of the Solicitor General; and

2.6 **"Service"** means the Peterborough Police Service.

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that Public Order Unit services are an important part of policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board:

a) that the Chief use his best efforts to ensure that the Service has access to a Public Order Unit of another Police Service(s) when required; and

b) that the role of police at any public demonstration, protest or public safety incident is to preserve the peace, prevent offences and enforce the law including offences against, persons and property, in accordance with powers and direction available to the Chief of Police under the law and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy.

3.2 The Board acknowledges that the Service does not have a Public Order Unit but does have public order trained officers and has deemed it appropriate that it establish a policy on Public Order Unit services, consisting of encouraging agreements/arrangements that would result in the services of a Public Order Unit being available from another police service, as permitted by subsection 2 (4) of O. Reg. 398/23: Alternative provision of Policing Functions.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Procedures

4.1.1 The Chief shall, in consultation with the Board, use best efforts to enter into section 14 agreements regarding the provision of Public Order Unit Services.

4.1.2 The Chief shall develop and implement a procedure directing Service Members on how to access Public Order Unit services under a section 14 agreement.

4.2 Training

4.2.1 The Chief shall ensure that an adequate number, in the Chief's opinion, of Service Members receive training in public order to allow them to assist another police service in the provision of Public Order Unit services, if required.

4.3 Equipment

4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to Members who assist in the provision of Public Order Unit services by another police service.

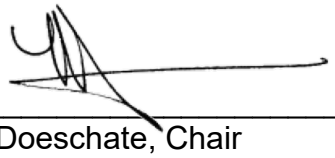
5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 Within 60 days of the utilization of a Public Order Unit of another police service, the Chief shall report to the Board on such utilization, the reasons for and outcome of the utilization, including any circumstances which may cause reputational damage to the Board or the Service, or which raises significant liability issues for the Board.

6.0 Implementation

6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-PO-070 Public Order Units which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #PO-001 Public Order Units, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



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Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date



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October 20, 2026
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