



Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy Tactical Units 2026-ER-019

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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 9 of the Adequacy Regulation prescribes, inter alia, the functions and capacity of tactical units;
- 1.5 Subsection 2 (5) 1 of O. Reg. 398/23: Alternative Provision of Policing Functions and section 14 of the CSPA permit a police service to deliver the services of a tactical unit by contracting with another police service;

- 1.6 Section 10 of the Adequacy Regulation provides that every chief of police shall establish written procedures in relation to the functions of tactical units and hostage rescue teams, authorizing the tactical supervisor or incident commander to determine deployment needs at an incident;
- 1.7 The Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish a policy regarding tactical units;
- 1.8 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 of Police to establish procedures regarding selection, training, equipping and deployment of the tactical unit.

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, c. 1, Sched. 1, as amended;
- 2.2 **“Board”** means the Peterborough Police Service Board;
- 2.3 **“Chief”** means the Chief of the Peterborough Police Service;
- 2.4 **“DRPS”** means the Durham Regional Police Service;
- 2.5 **“Member”** means a member of the Peterborough Police Service;
- 2.6 **“Ministry”** means the Ministry of the Solicitor General;
- 2.7 **“OPP”** means the Ontario Provincial Police;
- 2.8 **“Service”** means the Peterborough Police Service.

3.0 Board Policy

- 3.1 The Board recognizes that tactical units are an important part of policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that the deployment of tactical units be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy and in accordance with any protocol in force between the Service and an outside police service.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Provision of a Tactical Unit

- 4.1.1 The Service will provide, within a reasonable response time, the services of a tactical unit.
- 4.1.2 The services of the tactical unit will be available 24 hours a day, with access to the tactical units of the DRPS and the OPP, if necessary in the circumstances, pursuant to the Section 14 assistance agreement with those agencies.
- 4.1.3 The tactical unit will consist of a minimum of 12 full-time tactical officers, including a supervisor, who are dedicated to the tactical unit but who, when not training or undertaking tactical activities, may undertake other policing duties.

4.2 Procedures

- 4.2.1 The Chief shall establish procedures in accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the Adequacy Regulation that set out the circumstances in which a tactical unit will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the service of the tactical unit and reporting relationships.

4.3 Manual

- 4.3.1 The Chief shall develop and maintain a manual, in accordance with the Adequacy Regulation, on tactical unit services that is available to each Member providing the service.
- 4.3.2 The Chief shall ensure that the manual is reviewed on an annual basis and amended as required.

4.4 Membership and Training

- 4.4.1 The Chief shall establish a selection process for members of the unit, ensuring that Members who provide the service meet the requirements of the Adequacy Regulation.
- 4.4.2 The Chief shall ensure that no person becomes a member of a tactical unit unless that person has successfully completed the required Ministry accredited training or acquired the Ministry approved equivalent competencies.
- 4.4.3 The Chief shall ensure that Members who provide services of tactical units have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities and receive training on an ongoing basis.

4.5 Equipment

- 4.5.1 The Chief shall ensure that appropriate equipment and resources, in accordance with section 4 of Schedule 1 to the Adequacy Regulation and the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to Members who provide tactical services.

5.0 Report to the Board

- 5.1 The Chief shall report to the Board on the Service implementation of this policy as follows:
- a) In response to questions from the Board regarding Service procedures developed pursuant to the policy, either verbally at a meeting when the questions is asked, or in writing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, as directed by the Board; and
 - b) Within thirty days of the Chief becoming aware of a breach of Service procedures developed pursuant to this policy that the chief in his sole discretion determines to be a significant breach that could result in liability for or reputational damage to the Board or the Service, the Chief shall provide a written report to the Board explaining:
 - i) the breach;
 - ii) the circumstances surrounding the breach;
 - iii) the Chief's liability or reputational concerns; and the corrective measures taken, including amendments to the procedure to guard against future breaches.

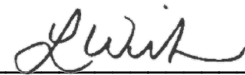
6.0 Implementation

- 6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-ER-019 Tactical Units which shall come into force on July 22, 2026.
- 6.2 That Policy #ER-002 Tactical Units, enacted on October 20, 2014, and last revised March 23, 2016, is hereby repealed effective July 22, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026
Date



Lisa Wilson, Executive Assistant
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026
Date