

Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy Hostage Rescue 2026-ER-020



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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 Hostage Rescue Teams;
- 1.5 Subsection 2 (5) 2 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 hostage rescue team 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 concerning hostage rescue;
- 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 hostage rescue teams.

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 and Direction to Chief

- 3.1 The Board recognizes that hostage rescue is an important part of policing.
- 3.2 The Board further recognizes that the Service does not have a Hostage Rescue Team, therefore they have entered into an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police and Durham Regional Police Service for the provision of this function, in accordance with the CSPA (“the Assistance Agreement”).

- 3.3 The Chief shall ensure that the Assistance Agreement complies with Sections 9, 10, and 11 of the Adequacy Regulation in all aspects.
- 3.4 The Board authorizes the Chief to retain another qualified agency to provide hostage rescue services in the event the OPP or DRPS is unable to respond to the request for services in a timely manner.
- 3.5 The Board acknowledges that the Service does not integrate with a Hostage Rescue Team from another agency, and that this Team brings their own Incidents Commander(s) and Negotiators.
- 3.6 The Board further acknowledges that the Service will provide a liaison and perimeter containment if requested.
- 3.7 It is therefore the policy of this Board to require the Chief to develop procedures that outline when a Hostage Rescue Team is to be engaged, and to facilitate early access to the Assistance Agreement with OPP or DRPS, or another agency if necessary.

4.0 Report to the Board

- 4.1 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.

5.0 Implementation

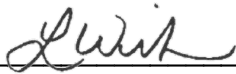
- 5.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-ER-020 Hostage Rescue which shall come into force on July 22, 2026.
- 5.2 That Policy #ER-003 Hostage Rescue, enacted on October 20, 2014, and last revised March 23, 2016, is hereby repealed effective July 22, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026

Date



Lisa Wilson, Executive Assistant
Peterborough Police Service Board

July 22, 2026

Date