



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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ER-010SPSB Canine Units

Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General) – Emergency Response* it is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to the services of a Canine Unit that:

- a) The Stratford Police Service will provide the services of a Canine Unit (when available) by its own members and the service responding under the *Shared Services and Resources Agreement*;
- b) The services will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time; and
- c) The Chief of Police will:
 - I. Establish and maintain written procedures that set out the circumstances in which the canine services will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
 - II. Develop and maintain a manual on canine services that is available to each member providing this service;
 - III. Ensure members of their police service train with the police service canine team and/or unit that is providing the services of canine;
 - IV. Ensure that members performing the functions of a canine team and/or unit have the competence and experience to provide the canine functions assigned;
 - V. Ensure the ongoing joint training of members who provide the functions of a canine team/unit;

- VI. Ensure at least the equipment and other resources set out in Schedule 1 (Required Equipment and Other Resources) of *Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*, are provided; and
- VII. Establish and maintain written procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

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Date