



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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ER-003SPSB Hostage Rescue

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 Hostage Rescue Team that:

- a) The Chief of Police, in consultation with agencies of *the Shared Services and Resources Agreement* and/or the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will establish procedures to ensure that Hostage Rescue Team support services are available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response; and
- b) The Chief of Police will:
 - I. Establish and maintain written procedures that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining the service and the reporting relationships;
 - II. Establish procedures for command and control of the response; and
 - III. Ensure that the Police Service's containment team (ERU) members, major incident commanders, crisis negotiators, and scribes receive initial and regular maintenance training and where possible the opportunity to train with the other police service's hostage rescue team, when applicable.

"Steve Cousins"
Chair

Approved January 15, 2025
Date