



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

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ER-001SPSB Preliminary Perimeter Control and Containment

It is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to preliminary perimeter control and containment that:

- a) Members of this Police Service will provide the function of initial containment as part of a comprehensive emergency response. The Patrol officers on duty shall be designated as the initial containment personnel and will work in conjunction with the Ontario Provincial Police Emergency Response Unit and Crisis Negotiators under the direction of the Major Incident Commander on scene;
- b) Pursuant to section 9 (1) (5) of *Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequacy Standards Regulation (General)* the Chief of Police shall ensure that police officers who are not members of a tactical unit and who are deployed in a containment function, including members of a containment team, shall not, prior to the arrival of a tactical response, employ offensive tactics unless the officers believe, on reasonable grounds, that to do so is necessary to protect against the loss of life or serious bodily harm;
- c) Containment will be provided by a containment team using its own members or through members of the *Shared Services and Resources Agreement*;
- d) The Chief of Police will establish and maintain written procedures that address:
 - I. The circumstances in which preliminary perimeter control and containment will be established;
 - II. Operational responsibility for an incident where preliminary perimeter control and containment is being established;
 - III. The deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies;

- IV. The duties of an officer involved in the establishment of preliminary perimeter control and containment, including compliance with the requirement of *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General) – Emergency Response*, pending the deployment of a tactical unit; and
 - V. The training of officers in preliminary perimeter control and containment.
- e) The Chief of Police will, if the Police Service opts to establish its own containment team, or has officers who are members of a joint containment, develop and maintain a manual on containment team services that addresses:
- I. The selection process for members of the team, including ensuring that members who provide this service have received the prescribed training as designated by the Minister;
 - II. The appropriate equipment to be used/made available to the members of the team in accordance with *Schedule 1* of the *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*; and
 - III. Any ongoing training as designated by the Minister.
- f) **Training:**
- The Chief of Police shall ensure:
- I. Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 87/24 Training*, police officers who perform community patrol functions and who may be required to respond to an incident involving an active attacker shall successfully complete the course entitled "Carbine Operator", delivered by the College or by a certified trainer:
 - II. In the case of a police officer who was appointed before the transition date, no later than the second anniversary of the transition date;
 - III. In the case of a police officer who is appointed as a police officer on or after the transition date, within 12 months after the appointment;
 - IV. Every police officer shall, within 12 months after successfully completing the training required in Section f (I) of this Procedure and within every subsequent 12 months, successfully complete the course entitled "Carbine Operator Requalification", delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect of the course;

- V. The Chief of Police will authorize the use of specialized weapons and will ensure carrying and use of patrol rifles – (C8) is permitted for only members who have received the prescribed training. Annual training will be conducted by qualified officers authorized to use the specialized weapons; and
- VI. The Chief of Police will ensure that members of this Police Service receive training in techniques on perimeter control.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date