



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Tactical Units (ER-004)

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Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to providing effective and responsive support for the tactical unit within the Kingston Police Service (the Service), ensuring compliance with the *Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing*. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Service has access to specialized tactical unit services through formal agreements with other jurisdictions.

Board Policy

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

- a) Tactical Unit support services are available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time through the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Framework Agreement;
- b) The unit will consist of a minimum of twelve (12) full-time Tactical Officers, including the supervisor, who is dedicated to a Tactical Unit but who, when not training or undertaking tactical activities, may undertake community patrol; and

c) The Chief of Police, in consultation with the OPP, will:

- I. Establish and maintain written procedures that set out the circumstances in which tactical unit services will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships, and authorizing the tactical supervisor or incident commanders to be deployed to an incident, and in relation to the deployment of incident commanders and crisis negotiators:
 - a. Specifying the process for authorizing deployment,
 - b. Identifying operational responsibility for authorizing deployment; and
 - c. In the case of incident commanders, ensuring that an incident commander assigned to manage an incident has the training prescribed by the Minister that is appropriate to the incident;
- II. Ensure that the established procedures set out processes for engagement with individuals who may be in crisis, with the goal of reducing harm and preventing loss of life;
- III. Ensure that the Tactical unit can undertake containment, the apprehension of an armed barricaded person, and explosive forced entry if it uses the services of a police explosive forced entry technician;
- IV. Develop and maintain a manual on Tactical Unit services that is available to each member providing this service;
- V. Ensure a selection process for members of the Tactical Unit;
- VI. Ensure members of the Tactical Unit have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities;
- VII. Ensure that appropriate equipment and resources, in accordance with the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to the members who provide this service; and
- VIII. Ensure any ongoing (and joint, if applicable) training for the Kingston Police Service with respect to coordination of tactical deployment, ensuring the inclusion of training on de-escalation and strategies for engagement with a person in crisis, aimed at reducing harm and preventing loss of life.

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