



## Peterborough Police Services Board

### AI-012 - Use of Force

#### 1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The *Criminal Code of Canada* and *Ontario Provincial Offences Act* address the use of force by police and other authorized persons.
- 1.2 The *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926*, under the *Police Services Act*, sets out requirements in relation to the use of force, including use of approved weapons, training, reporting and use/technical specifications for handguns.
- 1.3 Section 44(1) of the *Police Services Act* mandates that all municipal police officers are required to receive their initial period of training at the Ontario Police College.

#### 2.0 Application

This policy applies to the Peterborough Police Services Board and the Chief of Police, or designate.

#### 3.0 Implementation

- 3.1 It is the policy of the Peterborough Police Services Board with respect to use of force that:
  - a) The Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury or death caused by the discharge of a member's firearm, will:
    - i) review the report and make further inquiries as necessary; and

- ii) file a copy with the Solicitor General, including any additional inquiries of the Board;
- b) the Board, upon being notified that the Chief of Police has discharged a firearm in the performance of his/her duty, will cause an investigation into the circumstances and file a report on the investigation with the Solicitor General.
- c) the Chief of Police will:
  - i) ensure that members do not use a weapon other than a firearm, with the exception of those used on another member in the course of a training exercise in accordance with procedures, unless:
    - that type of weapon has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
    - the weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Solicitor General; and
    - the weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Solicitor General;
  - ii) ensure that, at minimum, police officers are:
    - issued a handgun that meets the technical specification set out in the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926*;
    - issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray;
    - issued a baton; and
    - trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing and physical control techniques;
  - iii) be authorized to issue a conducted energy weapon (CEW) to police officers who are:
    - front line supervisors;
    - members of tactical/hostage rescue teams;
    - members of preliminary perimeter control and containment teams; and
    - Acting supervisors or any other police officer so designated by routine orders who are trained and certified in the use of a CEW in accordance with regulations.
  - iv) ensure that members do not:
    - use force on another person unless they have successfully completed

- a training course on the use of force; and
  - carry a firearm unless, they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms, and is competent in the use of the firearm;
- v) ensure that, subject to section 14.3 (2) of the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*, at least once every 12 months, members:
- who may be required to use force on other persons receive a training course on the use of force; and
  - authorized to carry a firearm, receive a training course on the use of firearms;
- vi) permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by police officers, when none of the approved options is available or appropriate to defend themselves or members of the public;
- vii) establish procedures consistent with the requirements of the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;
- viii) immediately cause an investigation to be made where a member unintentionally or intentionally discharges his or her firearm, except on a target range or in the course of weapon maintenance;
- ix) immediately cause an investigation and file a report to the Board where a member, by the discharge of a firearm in the performance of his or her duty, kills or injures another person;
- x) where the Chief discharges a firearm in the performance of the Chief's duties, promptly report the matter to the Board;
- xi) ensure that a written record is maintained of the training courses taken by the members of the police service on the use of force and the use of firearms;
- xii) ensure the reporting of the use of force by members in accordance with the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;
- xiii) ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training and reporting; and
- xiv) provide a copy of the police service's annual use of force study to the Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the

community.

## **4.0 Administration**

- 4.1 That this Policy is hereby enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014 and shall take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.
- 4.2 That distribution of this Policy be unrestricted.

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Garth Wedlock, Chair  
Peterborough Police Services Board

### **Additional References:**

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