

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

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1. It is the policy of the Halton Regional Police Services Board with respect to Use of Force that:
 - 1.1 (a) this 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) this 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.
- 1.2 It is the policy of this Board that procedures be developed by the Service with respect to Use of Force and to support this policy, the Chief of Police will:
 - a) 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:
 - i) that type of weapon has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
 - ii) the weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Solicitor General; and
 - iii) the weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Solicitor General;
 - b) ensure that, at minimum, police officers are:
 - i) issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;;
 - ii) issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray;
 - iii) issued a baton; and
 - iv) trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing and physical control techniques;

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- c) ensure that members do not:
 - i) use force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of force; and
 - ii) carry a firearm unless, they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms, and are competent in the use of the firearm;
- d) ensure that, subject to Section 14.3(2) of the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*, at least once every 12 months, members:
 - i) who may be required to use force on other persons, receive a training course on the use of force; and
 - ii) authorized to carry a firearm, receive a training course on the use of firearms;
- e) permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by police officers, when none of the approved options are available or appropriate to defend themselves or members of the public;
- f) establish procedures consistent with the requirements of the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;
- g) 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;
- h) immediately cause an investigation and file a report to this Board where a member, by the discharge of a firearm in the performance of his or her duty, kills or injures another person;
- i) where the Chief of Police discharges a firearm in the performance of the Chief's duties, promptly report the matter to this Board;
- j) 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;
- k) ensure the reporting of the use of force by members in accordance with the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;
- l) ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training and reporting; and
- m) provide a copy of the police service's annual use of force study to this Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the community.