

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

Policy No. & Subject:	B-ER-002 – Tactical Units
Date Approved:	November 23, 2000
Effective Date:	January 1, 2001
Reporting Requirement:	N/A
Revision Dates:	November 27, 2014
Service Directive Linkage:	ESU-003 Tactical Rescue Unit ESU-002 Hostage Taking/Barricaded Persons

1. **Tactical Units (pursuant to O. Reg. 3/99 and PSM ER-002)**

1.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of a tactical unit that:

- a) the Police Service will provide the services of a tactical unit by using its own members;
- b) the services will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
- c) the unit will consist of a minimum of 12 full-time tactical officers, including the supervisor, who are dedicated to the tactical unit but who, when not training or undertaking tactical activities, may undertake community patrol.

1.2 To support this policy, the Chief of Police will:

- a) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the service and reporting relationships;
- b) 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;
- c) develop and maintain a manual on tactical unit services that is available to each member provided this service;
- d) establish a selection process for members of the unit, including ensuring that members who provide this service meet the requirements of the Adequacy Standards Regulation;
- e) ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
- f) ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.