

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

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1. Hostage Rescue (pursuant to O. Reg. 3/99 and PSM Guideline No. ER-003)

1.1 It is the policy of the Board that a Hostage Rescue Team be formed and with respect to the services of the Hostage Rescue Team that:

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

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

- a) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the services of the hostage rescue team will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and reporting relationships;
- b) ensure that the hostage rescue team can undertake containment, the apprehension of an armed barricaded person, and hostage rescue;
- c) develop and maintain a manual on hostage rescue team services that is available to each member providing this service;
- d) establish a selection process for members of the team, which includes ensuring that members who provide this service meet the requirements of the Adequacy Standards regulation; and have the required knowledge, skills and abilities;
- 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.