

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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1. Canine Units (PSM Guideline No. ER-010)

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Halton Regional Police Services Board with respect to the services of canine tracking that this Service will provide the services of a Canine Unit by using its own members;
- 1.2 It is also the policy of the Halton Regional Police Services Board that the services will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
- 1.3 To support this policy, the Chief of Police shall:
 - a) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the Canine Team will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
 - b) establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including assistance from other agencies;
 - c) develop and maintain a manual on canine services that is available to each member providing this service;
 - d) ensure that members performing the functions of a Canine Team and/or Unit have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the canine functions assigned;
 - e) ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
 - f) ensure that the appropriate equipment, consistent with the Ministry's recommended equipment list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.