



BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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ER-003 Hostage Rescue

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1. Board Policy:

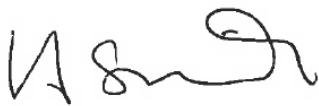
- a) This policing function shall be provided to an extent and in a manner that is reasonable, having regard to the following factors:
 - I. The policing needs of the community;
 - II. The geographic and socio-demographic characteristics of the Police Service's area of policing responsibility;
 - III. The extent to and manner in which the policing function is effectively provided in similar communities in Ontario;
 - IV. The extent to which past provision of the policing function by the Police Service has been effective in addressing the policing needs of the community; and
 - V. Best practices respecting the policing function.

- b) The Belleville Police Service Board (the Board) recognizes that Hostage Rescue is an important part of policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that Hostage Rescue be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with the procedures established by the Chief of Police as directed in this policy, and in accordance with any valid agreement in place, in compliance with *section 14 of the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* or the Chief of Police or designate may request temporary assistance in providing adequate and effective policing from another Police Service pursuant to *section 19 of the CSPA – Request for Temporary Assistance*;
 - I. The Inspector General; and
 - II. The Board.
 - c) Hostage Rescue Team Support Services are available 24 hours a day through the OPP.
 - d) The Chief of Police Shall collaborate with other Police Agencies related to an extreme incident response in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 398/23 - Alternative Provision of Policing Functions* made under the CSPA; and
2. The Chief of Police, in consultation with any outside Police Service providing the service of hostage rescue, if applicable, will:
- a) Establish and maintain written Procedures in accordance with *sections 9 and 10 of Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining the service and the reporting relationships;
 - b) Ensure that the Belleville Police Service's Major Incident Commanders and Crisis Negotiators train with the other Police Service's Hostage Rescue Team; and
 - c) The Chief of Police shall ensure that the protocol/share service agreements referred to in Section 1 (b) of this Policy and the procedures referred to in Section 2 (a) (above) comply with *Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* in all aspects including:
 - I. That the services of a Hostage Rescue Team are available 24 hours a day;
 - II. That the services of a Hostage Rescue Team are available within a reasonable response time; and

- III. The Hostage Rescue Team consists of a minimum of 12 full-time Tactical Officers, including a Supervisor, who are dedicated to the team.

3. Report to the Board:

- a) The Chief of Police shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year in respect of Hostage Rescue. The report shall include:
- I. A summary of the Procedures as required by this Policy;
 - II. The status of Service compliance with the said Procedures;
 - III. Confirmation that the existing protocol with another service, if any, complies with Legislative requirements; and
 - IV. A summary of the circumstances in which Hostage Rescue Services have been utilized.
- b) If the Chief of Police or designate makes a request for Hostage Rescue Team Support Services pursuant to a *section 14* Agreement under the *CSPA*, the Chief of Police shall report to the Board providing sufficient information to allow the Board to understand the details of the event.



Chair

August 10, 2026

Date