



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Hostage Rescue Team Support</b>
<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>ER-003</b>
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### **Authority/Legislative References**

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*

*Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*

*Ontario Regulation 398/23 Alternative Provision of Policing Functions*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is dedicated to ensuring effective and responsive support for the hostage rescue team, in alignment with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* (O. Reg. 392/23) and *Ontario Regulation 398/23 Alternative Provision of Policing Functions*.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") has access to specialized hostage rescue team services through formal agreements with other jurisdictions.

### **Policy Application**

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of a hostage rescue team that:

- a. the Board will contract with the Waterloo Regional Police Service (the “WRPS”) through a Framework Agreement to provide the services of a hostage rescue team that is available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time; and
- b. the Chief of Police, in consultation with the WRPS, will:
  - i. establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
  - ii. ensure that the Service’s major incident commanders and crisis negotiators train with the other police service’s hostage rescue team; and
  - iii. ensure that all equipment listed under “tactical units and hostage rescue teams” in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources, of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General), is available to members of the hostage rescue team.