



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Crisis Negotiation</b>
<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>ER-005</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 87/24 Training*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is committed to providing effective crisis negotiation services to ensure community safety. The Chief of Police (the "Chief") will establish clear procedures for deployment, coordination, and training to maintain readiness and operational excellence in handling crisis situations. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") has access to specialized crisis negotiation services through formal agreements with other jurisdictions.

### **Policy Application**

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to crisis negotiation that:
  - a. the Service will provide the services of a crisis negotiator by using its own

- qualified members where practical;
- b. the Board will also contract with any police service capable of providing the services of a crisis negotiator available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
  - c. the Chief will, in consultation with the assisting police service, establish procedures that set out the circumstances, in which the service will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining the service and the reporting relationships; and
  - d. the Chief shall ensure that all equipment listed under "crisis negotiators" in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources, of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General), is available to every crisis negotiator.