



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Canine Unit</b>
<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>ER-010</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)*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is committed to ensuring the effective use of specialized resources in public safety. In line with this commitment, a canine unit staffed by Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") members will be available 24/7, with procedures and training in place to ensure prompt, skilled deployment.

### **Policy Application**

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of canine tracking that:
  - a. the Service will provide canine unit services through its own members and/or by engaging another police service capable of providing canine unit services;

- b. the services will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
- c. The Chief of Police (the "Chief"), in consultation with the assisting service if applicable will:
  - i. establish procedures that set out the circumstance in which the services of the canine unit will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
  - ii. establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies;
  - iii. develop and maintain a manual on canine services that is available to each member providing this service;
  - iv. 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;
  - v. ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
  - vi. ensure that all equipment listed under "canine units" in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources, of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General), is available to members of the canine unit.