



TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD

HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAMS

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It is the policy of the Toronto Police Services Board that:

1. The Chief of Police will ensure that the Service will provide the services of a hostage rescue team by using Service members, that will consist of a minimum of 12 full-time tactical officers including the supervisor, who are dedicated to the hostage rescue team but when not training or undertaking hostage rescue activities, may undertake community patrol and If qualified to perform all functions, one unit or team may provide the services of a tactical unit and a hostage rescue team;
2. The Chief of Police will ensure that hostage rescue services are deployed in a reasonable time;
3. The Chief of Police will develop and establish procedures on hostage rescue services to effectively and efficiently perform the following functions:
 - a. containment;
 - b. apprehension of an armed barricaded person; and
 - c. forced entry.
4. The Chief of Police will ensure that the established procedures set out the circumstances in which hostage rescue services will be deployed and further delegate to the supervisor or major incident commander the responsibility for determining how many tactical officers are required to be deployed at an incident;
5. The Chief of Police will ensure that the hostage rescue team may perform explosive forced entry if it uses the services of a police explosive forced entry technician;

6. The Chief of Police will develop and maintain a manual on hostage rescue services that is available to each Service member providing these services; and
7. The Chief of Police will ensure that every member of a hostage rescue team has successfully completed the required training accredited by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (“the Ministry”) or has equivalent qualifications and skills as approved by the Ministry.