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TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD

TACTICAL UNITS

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DERIVATION	Adequacy Standards Regulation - ER-002	

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 tactical unit by using Service members that will consist of a minimum of 12 full-time tactical officers including the supervisor, who are dedicated to the tactical unit but when not training or undertaking tactical activities, may undertake community patrol. 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 tactical unit services are deployed in a reasonable time;
- 3. The Chief of Police will develop and establish procedures on tactical unit 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 tactical unit services will be deployed and further delegate to the tactical 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 tactical unit 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 tactical unit services that is available to each Service member providing these services; and
- 7. The Chief of Police will ensure that every member of a tactical unit 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.