



## OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

### BOARD POLICY

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#### **AI-012OSPSB Use of Force**

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Services Board with respect to police use of force that:

- a) This board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury or death caused by the discharge of a member's firearm, will:
  - I. Review the report and make further inquiries as necessary; and
  - II. File a copy with the Solicitor General, including any additional inquiries of the Board.
- b) This board, upon being notified that the Chief of Police has discharged a firearm in the performance of his/her duty, will cause an investigation into the circumstances and file a report on the investigation with the Solicitor General.
- c) The Chief of Police will:
  - I. Ensure that members do not use a weapon other than a firearm, with the exception of those used on another member in the course of a training exercise in accordance with procedures, unless:
    - that type of weapon has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
    - the weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Solicitor General; and

- the weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Solicitor General.
- II. Ensure that, at minimum, police officers are:
- issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;
  - issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray;
  - issued a baton; and
  - trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing, and physical control techniques.
- III. Be authorized to issue a conducted energy device to police officers who are:
- front line supervisors;
  - members of tactical/hostage rescue teams;
  - members of preliminary perimeter control and containment teams; and
  - have received annual training from a ministry certified Use of Force Trainer who has successfully completed the Conducted Energy Device Trainers course.
- IV. Ensure that members do not:
- use force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of force; and
  - carry a firearm unless, they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms and is competent in the use of the firearm.
- V. Ensure that, subject to section 14.3(2) of the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*, at least once every 12 months, members:
- who may be required to use force on other persons receives a training course on the use of force; and

- authorized to carry a firearm, receives a training course on the use of firearms.
- VI. Permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by police officers, when none of the approved options is available or appropriate to defend themselves or members of the public;
  - VII. Establish procedures consistent with the requirements of the Equipment and *Use of Force Regulation*;
  - VIII. Immediately cause an investigation to be made where a member unintentionally or intentionally discharges his or her firearm, except on a target range or in the course of weapon maintenance;
  - IX. Immediately cause an investigation and file a report to this Board where a member, by the discharge of a firearm in the performance of his or her duty, kills or injures another person;
  - X. Where the Chief discharges a firearm in the performance of the Chief's duties, promptly report the matter to this Board;
  - XI. Ensure that a written record is maintained of the training courses taken by the members of the Police Service on the use of force and the use of firearms;
  - XII. Ensure the reporting of the use of force by members in accordance with the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation*;
  - XIII. Ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training, and reporting; and
  - XIV. Provide a copy of the Police Service's annual use of force study to this Board for review and ensure the availability of the study to the community.

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Chair

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Date