

**POLICY NO. AI-012  
USE OF FORCE**

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**1.0 Preamble**

1.1 WHEREAS subsection 31(1) of the ***Police Services Act*** provides that a Board is responsible for the provision of Police Services and for Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention in the Municipality and shall:

- 1.1.1 Generally determine after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities with respect to the Police Service in the Municipality;
- 1.1.2 Establish priorities for the effective management of the Police Service, and
- 1.1.3 Direct the Chief of Police and monitor their performance.

1.2 AND whereas ***O. Reg. 3/99*** prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of Police Services.

**2.0 Definitions**

2.1 **Board** – shall mean the Barrie Police Services Board.

2.2 **BPS** – the acronym for the Barrie Police Service.

2.3 **Chief** – shall mean the Chief of Police.

2.4 **UOF** – the acronym for Use of Force.

**3.0 Policy**

3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to UOF that:

3.1.1 This Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury or death caused by the discharge of a BPS Member's firearm will:

3.1.1.1 Review the report and make further inquiries as necessary, and

3.1.1.2 File a copy with the Solicitor General, including any additional inquiries of the Board.

3.1.2 This Board, upon being notified that the Chief has discharged a firearm in the performance of their duty, will cause an investigation into the circumstances and file a report on the investigation with the Solicitor General.

3.1.3 The Chief of Police will:

3.1.3.1 Ensure that BPS 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:

3.1.3.1.1 That type of weapon has been approved for use by the Solicitor General.

3.1.3.1.2 The weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Solicitor General, and

3.1.3.1.3 The weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Solicitor General.

3.1.3.2 Ensure that, at minimum, BPS Police Officers are:

3.1.3.2.1 Issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in the ***Equipment and UOF Regulation***.

3.1.3.2.2 Issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray.

3.1.3.2.3 Issued a baton, and

3.1.3.2.4 Trained in:

3.1.3.2.4.1 Officer safety.

3.1.3.2.4.2 Communication.

3.1.3.2.4.3 Handcuffing, and

3.1.3.2.4.4 Physical control techniques.

3.1.3.3 Ensure that BPS Members do not:

3.1.3.3.1 Use force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the UOF.

- 3.1.3.3.2 Carry a firearm unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms and are competent in the use of the firearm.
- 3.1.3.4 Ensure that, subsection to Section 14.3(2) of the **Equipment and UOF Regulation**, at least once every 12 months, BPS Members:
  - 3.1.3.4.1 Who may be required to use force on other persons receive training on that UOF, and
  - 3.1.3.4.2 Authorized to carry a firearm, receive training on the use of firearms.
- 3.1.3.5 Permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by BPS Officers, when none of the approved options are available or appropriate to defend themselves or Members of the Public.
- 3.1.3.6 Establish procedures consistent with the requirements of the **Equipment and UOF Regulation**.
- 3.1.3.7 Immediately cause an investigation to be made where a BPS Member unintentionally or intentionally discharges their firearm, except on a target range or in the course of weapon maintenance.
- 3.1.3.8 Immediately cause an investigation and file a report to the Board where a BPS Member, by the discharge of a firearm in the performance of their duty, kills or injures another person.
- 3.1.3.9 Promptly report to the Board when they discharge their firearm in the course of their duties.
- 3.1.3.10 Ensure that a written record is maintained of the training courses taken by BPS Members on UOF and the use of firearms.
- 3.1.3.11 Ensure the reporting of UOF by BPS Members in accordance with the **Equipment and UOF Regulation**.
- 3.1.3.12 Ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local UOF procedures, training and reporting, and
- 3.1.3.13 Provide a copy of BPS' Annual UOF Study to the Board for review and ensure the availability of the study to the community.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Board Chair

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Board Administrator