

**POLICY NO. AI-015  
EQUIPMENT – BODY ARMOUR**

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

2.3 **NIJ** – the acronym for the National Institute of Justice.

**3.0 Policy**

3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to Equipment – Body Armour that the Chief will:

3.1.1 Ensure the provision of Body Armour equipment that is:

3.1.1.1 Constructed to provide the level of protection necessary for the performance of duty that addresses:

3.1.1.1.1 The type of weapons Members are likely exposed to, and

3.1.1.1.2 Protection for Members from their own handguns and ammunition that are in accordance with prescribed specifications.

3.1.2 Ensure the provision of Body Armour that is purchased from manufacturers that:

3.1.2.1 Practice effective quality control for testing and labeling in accordance with current NIJ Standards/Requirements on Ballistic Resistance of Body Armour.

3.1.2.2 Are certified under current International Organization for Standardization – ISO 9001:2008 standards for production and manufacturing, and

3.1.2.3 Ensure that the Body Armour provided is listed on the NIJ Compliant Products List, including replacement panels and carriers, in accordance with current NIJ Standards/Requirements.

3.1.3 Ensure that each Member uses, maintains and cares for the Body Armour provided in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

3.1.4 Ensure that a formal and documented inspection program is in place that addresses wear and tear.

3.1.5 Ensure that Members receive the appropriate training on the legislative requirements of the **Occupational Health & Safety Act** and information on use and care, as well as the benefits and limitations of Body Armour, and

3.1.6 Consult with designated Members regarding the acquisition of Body Armour.

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

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Board Chair

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Board Administrator