

**POLICY NO. ER-003  
HOSTAGE RESCUE**

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**Related BPS Procedures**

- [Procedure #136](#) – Tactical Support Unit

**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 **TSU** – the acronym for the Tactical Support Unit.

**3.0 Policy**

- 3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of a Hostage Rescue Team, that the Chief will:
- 3.1.1 Ensure that BPS provides the services of a Hostage Rescue Team by using TSU Members.
  - 3.1.2 Ensure that the services are available 24 hours a day within a reasonable response time.
  - 3.1.3 Ensure that the TSU consists of a minimum of 12 full-time TSU Officers, including the Supervisor, who are dedicated to the team but who, when not training or undertaking Tactical or Hostage Rescue activities, undertake Community Patrol.
  - 3.1.4 Establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the services of the TSU will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and reporting relationships.
  - 3.1.5 Ensure that the TSU can undertake containment, the apprehension of an armed barricaded person, and hostage rescue.
  - 3.1.6 Develop and maintain a TSU Manual that is available to each TSU Member.
  - 3.1.7 Establish a selection process for TSU Members, including ensuring that Members who provide this service meet the requirements of the ***Adequacy Standards Regulation***.
  - 3.1.8 Ensure the ongoing training of TSU Members, and
  - 3.1.9 Ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the Ministry's Designated Equipment and Facilities List, is used and available to TSU Members.

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

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Board Chair

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Board Administrator