



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Tactical Unit Support
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AUTHORITY/LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*
- *Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*
- *Ontario Regulation 398/23 – Alternative Provision of Policing Functions)*

POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Service Board (the “Board”) is committed to ensuring that the St. Thomas Police Service (the “Service”) has access to specialized tactical unit services to respond to high-risk incidents, in compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act and Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General).

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of a tactical unit that:
 - a. the Board shall ensure that the Service has access to tactical unit services through agreements or other arrangements with one or more police services capable of providing those services on a 24-hour basis within a reasonable response time; and
 - b. the Chief of Police shall:
 - i. establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which tactical unit services will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining those services and the reporting relationships;
 - ii. ensure that the Service’s major incident commanders and crisis negotiators train with the tactical unit of another police service where possible; and
 - iii. ensure that the equipment listed under “tactical units and hostage rescue teams” in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General) is available to members performing those functions.