



WATERLOO REGIONAL  
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## WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

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### **PUBLIC ORDER UNIT**

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### **Policy of the Board**

1. It is the policy of the Waterloo Regional Police Service Board with respect to public order maintenance that the:
  - a. Service will provide access to the services of a public order unit within a reasonable response time by using its own members; and
  - b. public order unit will consist of a unit supervisor and at least four squads of seven officers, including the squad leader.
2. The Chief of Police will establish procedures that:
  - a. set out the circumstances in which a public order unit may be deployed; and
  - b. address the circumstances and processes for liaising with the appropriate officials for the purposes of Sections 63-69 of the Criminal Code, regarding unlawful assemblies and riot situations.
3. The Chief of Police will:
  - a. ensure that a manual on the procedures of the unit is made available to all members of the unit;
  - b. ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, is used/available to members of the public order unit;
  - c. develop a selection process for members of the public order unit to ensure that the members have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the services of the public order unit; and
  - d. address the ongoing training of members of the public order unit.

- e. Provide an annual report to the Board outlining the use of the public order unit by the Service or in support of another service, as well as trends in the delivery of public order maintenance policing.
- f. Communicate with the board on an ongoing basis in relation to significant public order events.