



WATERLOO REGIONAL
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BOARD

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CANINE UNIT AND POLICE SERVICE DOGS

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Policy of the Board

1. It is the policy of the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board with respect to the Canine Unit and police service dogs that:
 - a. the police service will provide the services of a canine unit by using its own members and, if necessary, by entering into an agreement for cooperative delivery with another police service; and
 - b. the services of the Canine Unit will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time.
2. The Chief of Police shall:
 - a. establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the services of a canine team will be deployed, including the processes for obtaining the services and reporting relationships;
 - b. establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including assistance from other agencies;
 - c. ensure that a manual on canine services is developed and maintained and is available to each member providing this service;
 - d. ensure that members performing the functions of a canine team and/or unit have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the canine functions assigned;
 - e. ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
 - f. ensure that the appropriate equipment, consistent with the Ministry's recommended equipment list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.