



ACOUSTIC HAILING DEVICES

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the requirements set out in this document shall form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is hereby directed to comply with these requirements in his/her administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.

1. Subject

The guiding principles under which the Chief of Police is to establish deployment guidelines and procedures for the utilization of acoustic hailing devices.

2. Specific Definitions

“acoustic hailing device” – means a device that was designed for communication voice messages or other sounds over long distances and that is capable of emitting, or was designed to emit, sounds that are 135 decibels or greater when measured at a distance of one metre from the device; this does not include a siren that was designed to be mounted on a vehicle.

3. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the use of acoustic hailing devices that the Chief of Police will:

- a. Ensure complete compliance with legislative requirements;
- b. Regularly review procedures and guidelines with respect to the use of acoustic hailing devices to ensure compliance with this policy and/or operational policies of the police service, and any amendments to related legislation.
- c. Ensure members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- d. Maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- e. Ensure that members operating the device have received training on the police service's procedures and on proper use of the device;
- f. Ensure that acoustic hailing devices will only be used in accordance with procedure that set out the supervisory, operating, reporting and training requirements for their deployment; and
- g. Ensure that police service directives regarding the use of acoustic hailing devices are based on recommendations about the devices per section 16 (1)(c) of the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation.

4. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall ensure that all acoustic hailing devices are maintained in operable condition in accordance with Board policy and in compliance with the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926.

5. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report on those circumstances where the use of acoustic hailing devices has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or has resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and the police service.

6. Authority/Legislative Reference

Police Services Act
Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926 Section 16
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Board Minute #75/13

7. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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