



## Equipment – Body Armour AI-015

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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 conditions under which the Chief of Police is to establish procedures and processes relating to body armour.

### 2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to equipment-body armour that the Chief of Police shall:

- a. Ensure complete compliance with the requirements of Section 135 of the Police Services Act ; Section 7 of O. Reg.268/10 (General) and O. Reg 926 (Equipment and Use of Force);
- b. Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- c. Ensure that members are provided with the safest possible working conditions;
- d. Ensure the provision of body armour equipment is:
  - i. Constructed to provide the level of protection necessary for the performance of duty that addresses:
    1. The type of weapons members are likely exposed to;
    2. Protection for members from their own handguns and ammunition that are in accordance with prescribed specifications;
- e. Ensure the provision of body armour that is purchased from manufacturers that:
  - i. Practice effective quality control for testing and labeling in accordance with current National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards/Requirements on Ballistic Resistance of Body Armour;
  - ii. Are certified under current International Organization for Standardization – ISO 9001: 2008 standards for production and manufacturing;
  - iii. Ensure that the body armour provided is listed on the NIJ Compliant Products List, including replacement panels and carriers, in accordance with current NIJ Standards/Requirements;
- f. Ensure that each member uses, maintains and cares for the body armour provided in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- g. Ensure that a formal and documented inspection program is in place that addresses wear and tear;
- h. Ensure that members receive the appropriate training on the legislative requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and information on use and care, as well as the benefits and limitations of body armour; and
- i. Consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of body armour.

### 3. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall review body armour equipment as may be required to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

#### **4. Reporting**

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where the use of body armour have resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service, its members and/or has significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

#### **5. Authority/Legislative Reference**

Occupational Health and Safety Act  
Police Services Act Regulation 926 – Equipment and Use of Force  
Police Services Act - Section 135  
Board Minute #69/11  
Board Minute #18/14

#### **6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive**

I-A-705 (F) - Soft Body Armour