



Chatham-Kent Police Service Board Policies

PSB.AI.12 – USE OF FORCE

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Approved by Chair of the Chatham-Kent Police Service Board

A POLICY

- A1 It is the policy of the Chatham-Kent Police Service Board (the "**Board**") that procedures are developed regarding the use of force as it relates to the Ontario Public-Police Interactions Training Aid (*formerly the Ontario Use of Force Model*).

B STANDARDS

- B1 *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*
- B2 *Criminal Code of Canada*
- B3 *Provincial Offences Act*
- B4 *Ontario Regulation 87/24 – Training*
- B5 *Ontario Regulation 391/23 – Use of Force and Weapons*
- B6 *Ontario Regulation 405/23 – Police Uniforms and Equipment*
- B7 *Policing Standards Manual (2012), Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - AI-012*

C POLICIES

- C1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to use of force that:
- a. this Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury or death caused by the discharge of a Member's firearm, will review the report and make further inquiries as they consider appropriate;
 - b. this Board, upon being notified that the Chief of Police ("**Chief**") of the Chatham-Kent Police Service (the "**Service**") has discharged a firearm in the performance of their duty, will cause an investigation into the circumstances; and
 - c. the Board shall require the Chief to establish procedures to:



- i. ensure that Members shall not use a weapon other than a firearm, with the exception of those used on another Member in the course of a training exercise in accordance with Service procedures, unless:
 - 1. that type of weapon is identified in Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*;
 - 2. the weapon conforms to any additional requirements regarding the weapon set out in Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*; and
 - 3. the weapon is used in accordance with any restrictions set out in Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*;
- ii. ensure that, at minimum, Sworn Officers are:
 - 1. issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*;
 - 2. issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray;
 - 3. issued a baton;
 - 4. given access to a conducted energy weapon;
 - 5. given access to a carbine; and
 - 6. trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing and physical control techniques;
- iii. ensure that Members do not:
 - 1. use force on another person unless they are in compliance with the training requirements prescribed by the Minister on the use of force;
 - 2. carry or use a firearm unless they are in compliance with the training requirements prescribed by the Minister on the use of firearms; and



3. carry or use a weapon that is not a firearm unless they are in compliance with the training requirements prescribed by the Minister on the use of that weapon;
- iv. ensure that, subject to any sixty (60) day extension permitted by Ontario Regulation 87/24 – *Training*, at least once every 12 months, Members:
 1. who may be required to use force on other persons receive a training course entitled “Use of Force Requalification”, delivered by a certified trainer in respect of the course; and
 2. authorized to carry a firearm, receive a training course on the use of firearms;
 3. authorized to carry a conducted energy weapon, receive a training course entitled “Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Requalification”, delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect of the course;
 4. authorized to carry a carbine, receive a training course entitled “Carbine Operator Requalification”, delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect of the course;
- v. permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by Officers, when none of the approved options are available or appropriate to defend themselves or members of the public;
- vi. establish procedures consistent with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 87/24 – *Training* and Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*;
- vii. immediately cause an investigation to be made where a Member unintentionally or intentionally discharges their firearm, except on a target range or in the course of ordinary weapon maintenance;
- viii. immediately cause an investigation and file a report to the Board where a Member, by the discharge of a firearm in the performance of their duty, kills or injures another person;
- ix. ensure, where the Chief discharges a firearm in the performance of their duty, that they promptly report the matter to the Board. In this event, the Board shall cause an investigation to be made into the circumstances;



- x. ensure that a written record is maintained of the training courses taken by the Members on the use of force, the use of firearms and the use of weapons that are not firearms;
- xi. ensure the reporting of the use of force by Members is made in accordance with Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*;
- xii. ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training and reporting; and
- xiii. ensure a copy of the Service's annual use of force report is submitted to the Board analyzing the data from the reports submitted under Ontario Regulation 391/23 – *Use of Force and Weapons*, regarding use of force by Members and identified trends.

C2 The Board shall forthwith publish the annual report submitted under subsection C1.c.xiii. on the internet.

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