



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE BOARD BY-LAW #21

USE OF FORCE

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LEGISLATION	<i>Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended, ss. 31(1)(c), 44(1). Criminal Code of Canada and Ontario Provincial Offences Act. Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926.</i>	
OTHER	<i>Policing Standards Manual (2000), AI-012</i>	

WHEREAS the North Bay Police Services Board is responsible for the maintenance of Law and Order in the Municipality, and the members of the Police Service, through the Chief of Police, are subject to the Governance of the Board and shall obey its lawful directions.

THEREFORE, under the authority of the *Police Services Act* 1990, this Board enacts as follows:

- A.** The North Bay Police Services Board recognizes that members may be required in the course of their duties to use force to affect arrests, maintain order and protect the public and themselves.
- B.** The Board and Police Service are committed to resolving situations by using only as much force as is reasonably necessary, but also recognizes that at times it is necessary for police to use potentially injurious or lethal force.
- C.** It is the policy of the North Bay Police Services Board with respect to use of force that:

1. This Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury or death caused by the discharge of a member's firearm, will:
 - a. Review the report and make further inquiries as necessary; and
 - b. File a copy with the Solicitor General, including any additional inquiries of the Board;

2. This Board, upon being notified that the Chief of Police has discharged a firearm in the performance of his/her duty, will cause an investigation into the circumstances and file a report on the investigation with the Solicitor General.

3. The Chief of Police will:
 - a) Ensure that members do 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 procedures, unless:
 - i. That type of weapon has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
 - ii. The weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Solicitor General; and
 - iii. The weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Solicitor General.

 - b) Ensure that, at minimum, police officers are:
 - i. Issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation;
 - ii. Issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray;
 - iii. Issued a baton; and
 - iv. Trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing and physical control techniques;

 - c) Ensure that, all police officers assigned to the Patrol Section receive training in relation to the conducted energy weapons and be authorized to utilize the device on duty.

 - d) Ensure that members do not:
 - i. Use force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of force; and
 - ii. Carry a firearm unless, they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms, and are competent in the use of the firearm;

 - e) Subject to Regulation 926, Equipment and Use of Force, section 14.3 (1), ensure that, at least once every twelve months,
 - i. Every member of the police force who may be required to use force on other persons takes a training course on the use of force;

- ii. Every member of the police force who is authorized to carry a firearm takes a training course on the use of firearms.
- f) Subject to Regulation 926, of the Equipment and Use of Force section 14.3(2), ensure that:
 - i. If it was not reasonably possible for a member of a police force to take a training course on the use of force or on the use of firearms within the time required by subsection (1), the chief of police may grant the member additional time, not to exceed 60 days, to take the course.
- g) Maintain records of training courses taken and any grants of additional time to take any training courses.
- h) Permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by members, when none of the approved options is available or appropriate to defend them or members of the public;
- i) Establish procedures consistent with the requirements of the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926;
- j) Immediately cause an investigation to be made where a member unintentionally or intentionally discharges his or her firearm, except on a target range or in the course of weapon maintenance;
- k) Immediately cause an investigation and file a report to this Board where a member, by the discharge of a firearm in the performance of his or her duty, kills or injures another person;
- l) Where the Chief discharges a firearm in the performance of the Chief's duties, promptly report the matter to this Board;
- m) Ensure that written record is maintained on the training courses taken by the members of the police service on the use of force and the use of firearms;
- n) Ensure the reporting of the use of force by members in accordance with the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926;
- o) Ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training and reporting;
- p) Provide a copy of the police service's annual use of force study to this Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the community; and

q) Ensure that all members are cognizant of the mandate and authorities of the Special Investigation Unit of the Ministry of the Attorney General and that reports and assistance are provided to members of that organization in accordance with the Police Services Act and Regulations.

D. It is the policy of the Board that the Service will afford members of the North Bay Police Service, who, as a result of their duties, experience critical incident trauma, immediate, appropriate and adequate aftercare.