

# HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

## ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

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### 1. Equipment – Body Armour (pursuant to O. Reg. 268/10 and Guideline No. AI-015)

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Board that the Chief of Police shall develop procedures related to equipment – body armour.
- 1.2 To support this policy, the Chief of Police shall:
- a) ensure the provision of body armour equipment that is:
    - i) constructed to provide the level of protection necessary for the performance of duty that addresses:
      - the type of weapons members are likely exposed to;
      - protection for members from their own handguns and ammunition that are in accordance with prescribed specifications;
  - b) 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; and
    - 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;
  - c) ensure that each member uses, maintains and cares for the body armour provided in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
  - d) ensure that a formal and documented inspection program is in place that addresses wear and tear;
  - e) ensure that members receive the appropriate training on the legislative requirements of OSHA and information on use and care, as well as the benefits and limitations of body armour; and
  - f) consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of body armour.