

HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ADEQUACY STANDARDS POLICY DOCUMENT

Policy No. & Subject: B-PO-003 – Policing Aboriginal Occupations and Protests

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TRN-005 Skills Development and Learning Plan

1. Policing Aboriginal Occupations & Protests (pursuant to PSM Guideline PO-003)

1.1 The objective of policing Aboriginal occupations and protests is to preserve the peace, prevent offences, and enforce the law in a manner that respects the rights of all involved parties. To this end, it is the policy of Halton Regional Police Services Board with respect to policing Aboriginal occupations or protests that:

- a) the role of the police at an Aboriginal occupation or protest is to preserve the peace, prevent offences, and enforce the law including offences against persons and property, in accordance with the powers and discretion available to a police officer under the law.
- b) the consideration of police actions at an Aboriginal occupation or protest include preserving the peace, communication, negotiation and building trust with participating and affected communities.

1.2 To support this policy, the Chief of Police will develop and maintain procedures on:

- a) communicating information in relation to police procedures on Aboriginal occupations and protests;
- b) training requirements for policing Aboriginal occupations and protests;
- c) fostering community understanding of the police response to the events;
- d) the collection and analysis of information prior to and during events; and
- e) addressing the uniqueness of Aboriginal occupations and protests.