**Policy A-06**

**Halton Police Foundation**

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**Purpose**

1. The Halton Police Foundation (the Foundation) is an independent, not-for-profit charity that raises funds designed to lessen community safety issues and societal concerns. It is a ground-breaking initiative with huge potential to effect meaningful change in the lives of disadvantaged members of our community, particularly at-risk youth. While the Foundation name includes “Halton Police”, it is legally separate and distinct from the HRPS and must remain so.
2. This policy outlines the organizational relationships between the Board and the Foundation, and between the HRPS and the Foundation.

**Requirements**

1. The Board shall:
	1. at all times maintain organizational independence regarding the Foundation;
	2. refrain from unduly influencing the Foundation’s strategic decisions, including selection of Foundation Board members;
	3. refrain from using either public funds or Board staff to subsidize or contribute to the Foundation;
	4. refrain from participating in the planning or preparation of Foundation events, though Board members and staff may attend Foundation events; and
	5. refrain from participating in the selection of charitable fund recipients or their fund allotments.
2. The Chief of Police shall:
	1. ensure the HRPS is at all times organizationally independent of the Foundation;
	2. refrain from directly participating in the Foundation’s strategic decisions, including selection of Foundation Board members;
	3. refrain from using public funds to subsidize or contribute to the Foundation;
	4. refrain from leading in the planning and preparation of Foundation events, though HRPS members may support and/or attend Foundation events;
	5. ensure that any public monies provided to the Foundation, or on their behalf, are reimbursed by them;
	6. ensure that HRPS support to Foundation Events and their preparation is reasonable; and
	7. refrain from participating in the selection of charitable fund recipients or their fund allotments, though the Chief of Police or representative may assist in verifying the legitimacy of potential charitable fund recipient organizations.
3. Any expenses incurred by the HRPS in support of the Foundation shall be reimbursed by the Foundation in full.
4. Consideration and/or acceptance of any Foundation contribution to policing or the HRPS shall be at the sole discretion of the Halton Police Board.
5. Current Board members, Board staff and HRPS members are prohibited from serving on the Foundation Board of Directors.

**Reporting**

1. The Chief of Police shall keep the Board appraised of major Foundation activities involving the HRPS and our members.

**References:**

* Halton Police Foundation Certificate of Incorporation, By-law #1
* A04 – Community Fund policy