

# LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

## **LPSB Policy: 079**

**Title:** Canine Unit

**Procedure:** Part 8 Chapter C

**Approved:** March 26, 2009

### **1. Policy:**

It is the policy of the London Police Services Board with respect to the services of canine tracking that:

- a) the police service will provide the services of a canine unit by utilizing its own members;
- b) the services will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
- c) the Chief of Police will:
  - i) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the services of the canine team will be deployed;
  - ii) establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including assistance from other agencies;
  - iii) develop and maintain a manual on canine services that is available to each member providing this service;
  - iv) ensure that members performing the functions of a canine team and/or unit have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the canine functions assigned;
  - v) ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
  - vi) ensure that the appropriate equipment, consistent with the Ministry's recommended equipment list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.

### **2.Reference(s):**

- a) Adequacy Standards Guideline: **ER - 010**