

LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

LPSB Policy: 078

Title: Use of Force

Procedure: Part 1 Chapter G

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1. Policy:

It is the policy of the London Police Services Board, with respect to use of force, that:

- a) this Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an inquiry or death caused by the discharge of a member's firearm, will:
 - i) review the report and make further inquiries as necessary, and
 - ii) file a copy with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, including any additional inquiries of the Board;
- b) 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 Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services;
- c) The Chief of Police will:
 - i) 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 LPS procedures, unless:
 - that type of weapon has been approved for use by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services;
 - the weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services;
 - the weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services;
 - ii) ensure that, at minimum, police officers are:
 - issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in the *Equipment and Use of*

- Force Regulation 926;*
 - issued oleoresin capicum aerosol spray;
 - issued a baton; and
 - trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing, and physical control techniques;
 - iii) ensure that members do not:
 - use force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of force; and
 - carry a firearm unless, they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms, and are competent in the use of firearms;
 - (iv) ensure that, at least once every 12 months, members:
 - who may be required to use force on other persons receive a training course on the use of force; and
 - who are authorized to carry a firearm receive a training course on the use of firearms;
 - (v) permit the use of reasonable weapons of opportunity by police officers, when none of the approved options is available or appropriate to defend themselves or members of the public;
 - (vi) establish procedures consistent with the requirements of the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926;*
 - (vii) 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;
 - (viii) 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;
 - (ix) where the Chief of Police discharges a firearm in the performance of the Chief's duties, promptly report the matter to this Board;
 - (x) ensure that a written record is maintained of the training courses taken by the members of the LPS on the use of force and the use of firearms.
 - d) ensure the reporting of the use of force by members in accordance with the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926;*

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- e) ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training, and reporting; and
- f) provide a copy of the LPS' annual use of force study to this Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the community.

2.Reference(s):

- a) Adequacy Standards Guidelines: AI-012