

LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

LPSB Policy: 053

Title: Hostage Rescue

Procedure: Part 8 Chapter D

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1. Policy:

It is the policy of the London Police Services Board with respect to the services of a hostage rescue team that:

- a) the London Police Service will provide the services of a hostage rescue team by utilizing its own members;
- b) the services will be available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
- c) the team will consist of a minimum of 12 full-time tactical officers, including the supervisor, who are dedicated to the team but who, when not training or undertaking tactical or hostage rescue activities, may undertake community patrol; and
- d) the Chief of Police will:
 - i) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the services of the hostage rescue team will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and reporting relationships;
 - ii) ensure that the hostage rescue team can undertake containment, the apprehension of an armed barricaded person, and hostage rescue;
 - iii) develop and maintain a manual on hostage rescue team services that is available to each member providing this service;
 - iv) establish a selection process for members of the team, including ensuring that members who provide this service meet the requirements of the Adequacy Standards Regulation;
 - v) ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
 - vi) ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available

to the members who provide this service.

2. **Reference(s):**

- a) Adequacy Standards Guideline: **ER - 003**