Timmins Police Service Board
POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: BP-AI-012

Policy Name:	Use of Force and Weapons
Legislative Reference/Authority:	*Community Safety and Policing Act,* *Regulation 391/23 – Use of Force and Weapons* *Criminal Code of Canada* and *Ontario Provincial Offences Act*
Replaces:	Policy – BP - AI – 12 (Formerly associated to the Police Services Act)
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BOARD POLICY

1. As prescribed in the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and through Regulation 391/23 the Timmins Police Service Board shall establish policy(ies) consistent with the *Act,* Regulation(s) and any other applicable legislation.

2. It is the policy of the Timmins Police Service Board with respect to use of force and weapons that,

    a. This Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury 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 Solicitor General, including any additional inquiries of the Board;

3. 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 Solicitor General;

4. The Chief of Police will:

    a. Ensure that members do not use a weapon other than a firearm, with the exception of those used on other members in the course of a training exercise in accordance with procedures, unless:
        i. That type of weapon has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
        ii. The weapon conforms to technical standards established by the Solicitor General; and

iii. The weapon is used in accordance with standards established by the Solicitor General.

b. Ensure that, at minimum, police officers are:
    i. Issued a handgun that meets the technical specifications set out in Regulation 391/23;
    ii. Issued oleoresin capsicum aerosol spray;
    iii. Issued a baton; and
    iv. Trained in officer safety, communication, handcuffing and physical control techniques.

c. Be authorized to issue a conducted energy weapon to police officers who are:
    i. Front line supervisors;
    ii. Members of tactical/hostage rescue teams;
    iii. Members of preliminary perimeter control and containment teams; and
    iv. Other classes of officers deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chief of Police.

d. Ensure that members do not:
    i. Used force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of force;
    ii. Carry a firearm unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms, and are competent in the use of firearms.

e. Ensure that members do not:
    i. Use force on another person unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of force;
    ii. Carry a firearm unless they have successfully completed a training course on the use of firearms, and are competent in the use of firearms.

f. Ensure that;
    i. Subject to Section 11(1) of Regulation 87/24 every police officer shall, within every 12 months, successfully complete the course entitled
    "Use of Force Requalification";
    ii. Receive a training course on the use of firearms subject to Section 15(2) Regulation 87/24;
    iii. Subject to Section 12, Regulation 87/24, every police officer who is authorized to carry or use a conducted energy weapon shall comply with the following requirements;
        1. The police officer shall, before carrying or using the weapon, successfully complete the course entitled 'Conducted Energy

Weapon (CEW) Operator, delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect to the course;

2. The police officer shall within 12 months after complying with paragraph 1 and within ever subsequent 12 months, successfully complete the course titled 'Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Requalification" delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect of the course;

iv. Subject to Section 13, Regulation 87/24;
    1. Every police officer who performs community patrol functions and who may be required to respond to an incident involving an active attacker shall successfully complete the course entitled "Carbine Operator", delivered by the College or by a certified trainer;
    2. Every police officer shall, within 12 months after successfully completing the required training required under subsection 4(a) and within every subsequent 12 months, successfully complete the course entitled "Carbine Operator Requalification", delivered by the College or by a certified trainer;
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 *Use of Force and Weapons Regulation and the Training Regulation;*
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 the Timmins Police Services 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 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 police service on the use of force and the use of firearms;
xi. Ensure the reporting of the use of force by members in accordance is in accordance with the *Use of Force and Weapons Regulation;*
xii. Ensure the ongoing review and evaluation of local use of force procedures, training and reporting; and
xiii. Provide a copy of the service's annual use of force study to this Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the community.

5. The Chief of Police shall establish procedures that are consistent with the requirements of the *Community Safety and Policing Act,* Regulation(s) and incorporating any existing established investigative and operational practices as

approved by the Timmins Police Service Board and or the Office of the Chief of Police.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board