Timmins Police Service Board
POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: BP-AI-015

Policy Name:	Equipment – Body Armour
Legislative Reference/Authority:	*Community Safety and Policing Act and Regulation(s)*
Replaces:	Policy – BP - AI – 15 (Formerly associated to the Police Services Act)
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Approved By:	Board Chair

BOARD POLICY

1. As prescribed in the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and through Regulation(s) 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 equipment and body armour that the Chief of Police shall:

    a. Ensure the provision of body armour equipment that is:
        i. Constructed to provide the level of protection necessary for the performance of duty that addresses:
            1. The type of weapon members are likely to be exposed to;
            2. Protection for members from their own handguns and ammunition that are in accordance with prescribed specifications.

    b. Ensure the provision of body armour that is purchased from manufacturers that:
        i. Practice effective quality control for testing and labelling in accordance with current National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards/Requirements on Ballistic Resistance of Body Armour
        ii. Are certified under current International Organization for Standardization ISO 9001:2008 standards for production and manufacturing
        iii. Ensure that the body armour provided is listed on the NIJ Compliant Products List, including replacement panels and carriers, in accordance with current NIJ Standards/Requirements

    c. Ensure that each member uses, maintains and cares for the body armour provided in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions;

d. Ensure that a formal and documented inspection program is in place that addresses wear and tear;

e. Ensure that members receive the appropriate training on legislative requirements of OHSA and information on use and care, as well as the benefits and limitations of body armour; and

f. Consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of body armour.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board