

**NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
HOSTAGE RESCUE POLICY**

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PREAMBLE:

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

- a. This Board will contract with an external police agency to provide the services of a tactical unit, major incident commanders and crisis negotiators that is available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time; and:
- b. the Chief of Police, in consultation with the designated representative of the contracted police agency will:
 - i) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships; and;
 - ii) ensure that the Force's major incident commanders and crisis negotiators train with the contracted agency's hostage rescue team.

Signed: Colin P. Vezina
Chairman

Susan Vester
Secretary

This policy is subject to the provision of an adequate annual operating budget to enable the Chief of Police to plan for the deployment of personnel and resources, and the absence of any other intervening factors that may frustrate the ability of the Police Service to implement this Policy.