

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
POLICY #09-01**

Re: Equipment – Body Armour  
Adequacy Standard AI-015

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It is the policy of the Brantford Police Services Board with respect to Equipment – body armour, that:

1. The Chief of Police will:
  - 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:
      - the type of weapons members are likely exposed to;
      - 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 – ISO9001:2008 standards for production and manufacturing; and
      - 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 the legislative requirements of OHSA and information on use and care, as well as the benefits and limitations and body armour; and

- f) consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of body armour.

PASSED – June 18, 2009