



Sarnia Police Service Board Policy

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A Legislative Authority

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, provides that a Board shall provide adequate and effective policing in the area for which it has policing responsibility as required by **Section 10** and **11 (1)** of the *CSPA*.

O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services.

B Policy Statement

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Service Board, in regards to adequate and effective policing, that the Chief of Police will provide policing functions in accordance with **Section 11** of the *CSPA*.
2. It is also the policy of the Board to support the Chief of Police when the Chief decides to request or provide temporary assistance in providing adequate and effective policing to or from another police service.

C Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board, in accordance with **Section 11(1) of CSPA** that all of the following functions be provided in accordance with the standards set out in the regulations, including the standards with respect to the avoidance of conflicts of interest, and with the requirements of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Human Rights Code*:
 - (a) Crime prevention;
 - (b) Law enforcement;
 - (c) Maintaining the public peace;
 - (d) Emergency response;
 - (e) Assistance to victims of crime;
 - (f) Any other prescribed policing functions.

2. It is further the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board that the Chief of Police shall provide policing functions to an extent and in a manner that is reasonable, having regard to the following factors:
 - (a) The policing needs of the community;
 - (b) The geographic and socio-demographic characteristics of the Service's area of policing responsibility;
 - (c) The extent to and manner in which the policing function is effectively provided in similar communities in Ontario;
 - (d) The extent to which past provision of the policing function by the Service has been effective in addressing the policing needs of the community;
 - (e) Best practices respecting the policing function.

D Temporary Assistance

1. Upon receiving a notice of request for temporary assistance from the Chief of Police, the Sarnia Police Service Board shall determine:
 - (a) Whether the ability to request temporary assistance is used or is anticipated to be used on a recurring basis to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and
 - (b) Whether the policing functions for which temporary assistance is requested to be provided may need to be the subject of an agreement under **subsection 14 (1) or (2) CSPA** in order to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided and that **section 13 CSPA** is complied with.

2. If no agreement has been entered into with respect to the cost of the temporary assistance provided, the Sarnia Police Service Board may certify the cost of the assistance provided, and the cost shall be paid by the Board.