



Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

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

O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services; required by **Section 10** of the **CSPA**.

Subsection 9 (1) of O. Reg. 392/23 Emergency Response provides the standards for adequate and effective policing related to emergency response.

Subsection 2 (5) 1 of O. Reg. 398/23: Alternative Provision of Policing Functions and Section 14 of the **CSPA** permit a Police Service to deliver the services of a Tactical Unit by contracting with another Police Service.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that Tactical Units are an important part of policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that the deployment of the Emergency Response Unit (ERT) be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this By-law, established Ministry guidelines and in accordance with any protocol in force between the Service and an

outside police service.

C Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the City of Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to the services of a Tactical Unit that:
 - (a) The Sarnia Police will provide the services of a tactical unit and when required, enter into agreement with OPP West Region to provide combined service delivery;
 - (b) The services will be available twenty-four (24) hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
 - (c) The unit will consist of a minimum of twelve (12) full-time Tactical Officers, including the supervisor, who are dedicated to the Tactical Unit but who, when not training or undertaking tactical activities, may undertake community patrol; and
 - (d) The Chief of Police will:
 - (i) Establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the service and reporting relationships;
 - (ii) Ensure that the Tactical Unit can undertake containment, the apprehension of an armed barricaded person, and explosive forced entry if it uses the services of a police explosive forced entry technician;
 - (iii) Develop and maintain a manual on Tactical Unit services that is available to each member providing this service;
 - (iv) Establish a selection process for members of the Tactical Unit;
 - (v) Ensure members of the Tactical Unit have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities;
 - (v) Ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; and
 - (vi) Ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.
2. The Chief of Police will provide information in the annual report with respect to the Emergency Response Team.

