



Sarnia Police Services 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** of the **CSPA**.

Subsection 38 (2) of the **CSPA** provides that a Police Service Board shall establish policies respecting matters related to the Police Service or the provision of policing.

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

Section 8 of **O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General)** requires a Chief to establish written procedures respecting the functions, responsibilities and reporting relationships of a Public Order Unit and its members.

Subsection 2 (1) of the Schedule 1 to the Adequacy Regulation prescribes equipment and resources requirements regarding Public Order Units.

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 Public Order Unit by contracting with another Police Service.

Sections 37 and 38 of the **CSPA** requires the Chief to establish procedures on Public Order Units in accordance with **Section 8** of the said **Adequacy Regulation**.

B **Policy Statement**

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that access to a Public Order Unit is an important part of policing in Sarnia and it is therefore the policy of this Board to require the Chief to develop procedures in regards to contracting with the OPP West Region to provide the services of a Public Order Unit.

C **Board Policy**

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to public order maintenance that:
 - (a) This Board will contract with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to provide the services of a public order unit within a reasonable response time; and
 - (b) The Chief of Police shall establish written procedures, in consultation with the OPP that:
 - (i) Set out the circumstances in which a public order unit may be deployed;
 - (ii) Set out the steps for obtaining the services of a public order unit; and
 - (iii) Address the circumstances and processes for liaising with appropriate officials for the purposes of **Sections 63 - 68 of the Criminal Code**, regarding unlawful assemblies and riot situations.
2. The Chief of Police shall provide the Board with a written report on an annual basis in respect of the use of a Public Order Unit. The report shall include:
 - (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning Public Order Unit services;
 - (b) The status of Service compliance with said procedures;
 - (c) A summary of the circumstances in which a Public Order Unit has been deployed;
 - (d) Those circumstances where the use of the Public Order Unit has resulted in an "exceptional" circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the Police Service; and/or has significant issues of potential liability to the Board and the Police Service.