




Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have policies with respect to counter-terrorism, emergency planning and victims' assistance.

Section 28 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires every Chief of Police to establish procedures that are consistent with any federal or provincial counter-terrorism plan designated by the Minister of Public Safety and Security.

Section 26(1) requires the Chief of Police to prepare an emergency plan for the police service that sets out the procedures to be followed during an emergency.

Furthermore, under section 26(2), the Chief of Police may adopt the municipality's emergency plan as the police service's emergency plan if it addresses the role and duties of the police service during an emergency, and the procedures to be followed by members of the police service during an emergency.

Section 17 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures on providing assistance to victims that:

- (a) Reflect the principles of the *Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995*; and

- (b) Set out the roles and responsibilities of members for providing victims' assistance.

The Provincial Counter-Terrorism Plan provides definitions for terrorism and related acts as contained in federal legislation:

- (a) The *Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act* defines "threats to the security of Canada";
- (b) The *Criminal Code of Canada* defines an "internationally protected person";
- (c) The *Anti-Terrorism Act* provides definitions of "terrorist activity" and "terrorist group" and refers to a number of terrorism-specific criminal offences;
- (d) The *Security Offences Act* addresses police jurisdiction with respect to an offence under any law of Canada that constitutes a threat to the security of Canada and/or in which the victim of the offence is an "internationally protected person".

B Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to terrorism preparedness/planning that the Chief of Police will:
 - (a) Develop and maintain procedures that are consistent with the most recent version of the Ministry of Public Safety and Security's *Provincial Counter-Terrorism Plan*;
 - (b) Establish priorities and procedures for terrorism preparedness/planning that address:
 - (i) Establishing a protocol for notification in relation to actual or potential acts of terrorism, or credible threats thereof that is disseminated to all levels of the organization;
 - (ii) Communicating, networking and sharing of information;
 - (iii) Identifying potential targets in the community;
 - (iv) Developing an Incident Management/Response Plan to address local, multijurisdictional and contiguous provinces/States protocol for response;
 - (v) The provision of training;
 - (vi) Managing voice and data communications;

- (vii) Identifying the role of the media;
 - (viii) Identifying and accessing the necessary equipment;
 - (ix) Crime victim and witness assistance;
- (c) Ensure that the counter-terrorism plan is clearly linked to the municipal emergency plan.