

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, ("CSPA") 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*.

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

Subsection 39 (1) of the *CSPA* requires the Board's Strategic Plan include quantitative and qualitative performance objectives and indicators of outcomes relating to bail and violent crime.

Subsection 6 (1) 4 xii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes that a Chief of Police shall establish procedures and processes with respect to bail and violent crime.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that issues relating to bail and in particular, bail for persons accused of violent crimes are important components of investigative and preventative policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that such issues be dealt with in a professional and thorough manner, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief of Police.

C Board Policy

- 1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to bail and violent crime that the Chief of Police shall:
 - (a) Develop a written procedure on bail and violent crimes that addresses the assessing of whether to recommend opposing bail on secondary grounds;
 - (b) Establish procedures on bail and violent crime that address the preparation of the show cause report;
 - (c) Ensure that the Service's procedure on bail provides for advance notification of the bail hearing to the appropriate Crown Attorney;
 - (d) Establish procedures for post-bail hearing notification;
 - (e) Ensure that the procedures that deal with breach of bail conditions is incuded;
 - (d) Ensure that members involved with bail have the requisite knowledge, skill and abilities.
- 2. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year in respect of bail and violent crime. The report shall include:
 - (a) A summary of the written procedures regarding bail; and
 - (b) Confirmation of compliance with the procedures regarding bail.