



# 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**.

**Subsection 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.

**Section 243** of the **CSPA** requires that, where a Police Service Board has court security obligations, the Board is responsible for:

- (a) Ensuring the security of judges and other judicial officers and of persons taking part in or attending proceedings;
- (b) During the hours when judges, other judicial officers and members of the public are normally present, ensuring the security of the premises;
- (c) Ensuring the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and
- (d) Determining appropriate levels of security for the purposes of all of the above in accordance with the regulations, if any.

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

**O. Reg. 399/23 Section 13: General Matters under the Authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council** requires that, where a Police Service Board has court security obligations, the Board is responsible for:

- (a) Preparing a Court Security Plan;
- (b) Establishing procedures on court security that address the provision and training; and
- (c) Ensuring that court security personnel have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform court security functions

## **B Policy Statement**

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that issues relating to court security are important to the administration of justice and it is therefore the policy of this Board that court security 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 Service Board that the Chief of Police will:
  - (a) Prepare a Court Security Plan;
  - (b) Establish procedures on court security that address supervision and training; and
  - (c) Ensure that court security personnel have the capability to perform their functions related to court security.
2. The Chief of Police shall ensure the Plan addresses the following requirements of **Part XV Court Security Section 243** under the **CSPA**:
  - (a) Ensuring the security of judges and other judicial officers and of persons taking part in or attending proceedings;
  - (b) During the hours when judges, other judicial officers and members of the public are normally present, ensuring the security of the premises;
  - (c) Ensuring the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings;

- (d) Determining appropriate levels of security for the purposes of (a), (b) and (c) above in accordance with the regulations, if any.
3. The Chief of Police shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30<sup>th</sup> of each year concerning the Court Security Plan, which report shall include at least the following information:
- (a) An outline of the Court Security Plan;
  - (b) Confirmation that the Plan conforms with **Section 243** of the **CSPA**;
  - (c) The annual cost of the Plan;
  - (d) Any issues or criticisms of the Court Security Plan known to the Chief.