



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 required by **Section 10** and **11 (1)** 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.

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

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that matters of criminal harassment are serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters be conducted professionally and thoroughly, 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 undertaking and managing investigations into criminal harassment that the Chief of Police shall develop and maintain procedures that address:
 - (a) The procedures for investigating criminal harassment complaints in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan;
 - (b) The use of enhanced investigative techniques, such as behavioural science services as part of the investigation;
 - (c) The provision of victims' assistance;
 - (d) The information to be provided to police officers on criminal harassment.
2. The Chief of Police shall:
 - (a) Ensure that members are familiar with the offence provisions in the **Criminal Code** relating to criminal harassment offences; and
 - (b) Ensure that Members involved in criminal harassment investigations have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.
3. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year in respect of investigations into criminal harassment. The report shall include:
 - (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into criminal harassment; and
 - (b) Confirmation of Service compliance with the said procedures.