

Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A <u>Legislative/Regulatory Requirements</u>

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.

Sections 37 and **38** of the *CSPA* to require the Chief of Police to develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into drug related offences other than simple possession.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that matters of drug investigations 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.

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1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into drug-related offences other than simple possession that the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Develop and maintain written procedures that require that investigations be undertaken and managed in accordance with the Service's Criminal Investigation Management Plan; and
- (b) Ensure that officers investigating drug-related offences other than simple possession have the knowledge, skills and abilities required.
- 2. The Chief shall, as part of the budget process, provide the Board with the number of officers assigned to the investigations of drug related crime and the duration of their assignments.
- 3. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year. The report shall include:
 - (a) A summary of the procedures for the investigations into drug related offences other than simple possession;
 - (b) The status of Service compliance with said procedures; and
 - (c) A summary of Service assistance rendered to other police services in respect of drug investigations, if any.