



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.

Subsection 6 (1) 4 vi of **O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General)** prescribes that a Chief of Police shall establish procedures and processes with respect to informants and agents.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that issues relating to informants and agents form an important part of investigative policing and of prosecution of criminal offences, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that issues involving informants and agents 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 shall develop written procedures and processes relating to the use and management of paid informants and agents.
2. The procedures established shall be in accordance with **subsection 6 (1) 4 xii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General)**.
3. Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year in respect of informants and agents. The report shall include:
 - (a) The status of the implementation of the written procedures regarding informants and agents;
 - (b) Confirmation of compliance with the provisions of the procedures regarding informants and agents; and
 - (c) On an anonymous basis, a summary of payments made to informants.