



# 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.

**Subsection 1 (1)** of the **CSPA** provides that policing shall be provided throughout Ontario in accordance with the principle of the need to ensure the safety and security of all persons and property in Ontario, including on First Nations reserves.

**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 missing persons, parental and non-parental abductions and attempts are very serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters be conducted 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 parental and non-parental abductions and attempted abductions of children that the Chief of Police shall:
  - (a) Develop and maintain written procedures that require that investigations into parental/familial abductions and attempted abductions be undertaken in accordance with the Service's Criminal Investigation Management Plan; and
  - (b) Ensure the written procedures comply with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual and with the prescribed requirements of **Sections 1, 6 (2), 14.1 and 18 (1) 8 of O. Reg. 395/23: Investigations;**
  - (c) Ensure that an AMBER Alert activation is considered in all missing children investigations and Major Case Management is implemented in all cases involving AMBER Alert activation;
  - (e) Ensure that members investigating parental and non-parental abductions and attempts have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.
2. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The report shall include:
  - (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into parental and non-parental abductions and attempts;
  - (b) Confirmation that the procedures are in compliance with the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual;
  - (c) The status of Service compliance with said procedures; and
  - (d) A summary of training given to members regarding parental and non-parental abductions and attempts.