




# 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 firearms investigations are serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters are conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with the procedures established by the Chief

## **C** Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to preventing or

responding to occurrences involving firearms that the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure that the police service's officers are provided with information on all the search and seizure powers available to officers under **Part III** and **Part XV** of the **Criminal Code** that may be relevant to the search and seizure of firearms, ammunition, or related licences, certificates or permits, as well as options for obtaining prohibition orders;
  - (b) Develop and maintain written procedures on undertaking and managing investigations into offences/occurrences involving firearms;
  - (c) Develop and maintain written procedures on preventing offences/occurrences involving firearms; and
  - (d) Develop and maintain written procedures relating to the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) category of the Canadian Police Information Centre (CIPC);
  - (e) Ensure that members involved in investigations into offences/occurrences involving firearms have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities; and
  - (f) Ensure that all police officers are receive the training prescribed in **Sections 5, 11 and 15 of O. Reg. 87/24: Training** prior to being issued a firearm.
2. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year in respect of preventing or responding to occurrences involving firearms. The report shall include:
- (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning managing investigations and preventing offences/occurrences involving firearms;
  - (b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedures; and
  - (c) Confirmation that members were trained in accordance 1 (f) above.