



# 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.

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

## **B** Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes the rights of persons in custody, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that such persons be dealt with in a professional a manner, in accordance with law and the procedures established by the Chief of Police.

## **C** Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to prisoner care and

control that the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Establish procedures and processes for:
    - (i) The care and control of prisoners, including effective monitoring;
    - (ii) Responding to an escape from police custody;
    - (iii) Prisoner transportation.
  - (b) Ensure that members involved in prisoner care and control have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform this function;
  - (c) Ensure that members used to escort persons in custody have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform the function;
  - (c) Following an escape or in-custody death, review the procedures, processes and practices of the police service for prisoner care and control and report back to the Board.
2. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board immediately following any escape from police custody or in-custody death.
  3. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board summarizing the findings of a Coroner's Jury following an inquest into the death of an individual in police custody and a further report within six (6) months reporting on compliance with the said recommendations.
  4. 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 written procedures regarding prisoner care and control including prisoner transportation;
    - (b) Confirmation of compliance with the procedures regarding prisoner care and control including prisoner transportation; and
    - (c) A summary of the training given to members involved in prisoner care and members used to escort prisoners.