



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 that issues relating to the search of persons is of vital importance in an investigation and the successful prosecution of criminal offences, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that such issues 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 with respect to the search of persons that the Chief of Police will:
 - (a) Establish procedures that address:
 - (i) The compliance by members of the police service with the legal, constitutional and case law requirements relating to when and how searches of persons are to be undertaken;
 - (ii) The circumstances in which an officer may undertake a search of person;
 - (iii) Frisk/field searches;
 - (iv) Strip/complete searches;
 - (v) Body cavity searches;
 - (vi) Consent searches;
 - (vii) The supervision of searches of persons; and
 - (viii) The documentation of searches of persons; and
 - (b) Ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to the search of persons.
2. 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 search of persons; and
 - (b) Confirmation of compliance with the procedures regarding search of persons.