



Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on investigations into sexual assaults.

In addition, section 12(1)(r) requires the Chief of Police to develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into sexual assaults.

B Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to sexual assault investigations that the Chief of Police will:
 - (a) Develop and maintain procedures and processes that:
 - (i) Require that investigations be undertaken and managed in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan;
 - (ii) Require compliance with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual*;

- (iii) Address communications and dispatch, initial response and investigations relating to sexual assaults;
- (iv) Address community notification;
- (b) Work, where possible, with hospitals and agencies which provide services to victims of sexual assault, including Sexual Assault Treatment Centres, Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centres and Victim Services, as well as the local Crown, to ensure a co-ordinated and effective response to victims of sexual assaults; and
- (c) Address training for officers and other appropriate members on the response to sexual assault occurrences, including victims' assistance.

C Reporting Requirements

- (a) As part of the statistical reports, the Chief of Police shall report to the Board on sexual assault incidents and the clearance rates.
- (b) The Chief of Police shall report on compliance with this policy.