



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: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services.

Section 260 of the *CSPA* provides for storage, recording and reporting on firearms that come into the possession of the Service.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that matters of stolen or smuggled firearms

are serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters be conducted professionally and thoroughly, 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 stolen or smuggled firearms that the Chief of Police shall:
 - (a) Develop and maintain written procedures to determine the origin of every firearm that comes into the possession of the Service with a view to determining whether the firearm:
 - (i) Has been reported stolen or lost;
 - (ii) Is legally registered in Canada; or
 - (iii) Is illegally in Canada;
 - (b) Shall develop and implement written procedures relating to the investigation of stolen or smuggled firearms; and
 - (c) Shall develop and implement a procedure to address the sharing of information on stolen and smuggled firearms with law enforcement agencies;
 - (d) Ensure that members receive the appropriate training in relation to firearms safety and that members involved in investigations of stolen or smuggled firearms have had the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.
2. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year in respect of the investigation of stolen or smuggled firearms. This report will contain:
 - (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into stolen or smuggled firearms; and
 - (b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedures.