



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 vehicle theft is serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into vehicle thefts 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 vehicle thefts that the Chief of Police shall:
 - (a) Develop and maintain written procedures that require that investigations be undertaken in accordance with the Service's Criminal Investigation Management Plan;
 - (b) Ensure the timely notifications of registered owners of the recovery of stolen vehicles, except where ongoing criminal investigations may be compromised; and
 - (c) Ensure that members investigating vehicle theft occurrences have 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 investigations into vehicle theft occurrences. The report shall include:
 - (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning vehicle theft investigations; and
 - (b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedures.