



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.

Subsection 6 (1) 4 vii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes that a Chief of Police shall establish procedures and processes with respect to witness protection and security.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that issues relating to the protection of witnesses form an essential part of policing and of the prosecution of criminal offences, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that witness protection and security issues be dealt with in a professional and thorough manner 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 witness protection and

security that the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure that the police service has a Witness Protection Liaison Officer, or an arrangement with another police service to use their Witness Protection Liaison Officer;
 - (b) Establish written procedures and processes in respect of witness protection and security in accordance with **subsection 6 (1) 4 vii of O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General)**; and
 - (c) Establish procedures and processes in respect of witness assistance;
 - (d) Ensure that Members are aware of the provisions of the ***Witness Protection Act*** and are kept informed of changes in the law relating to witness protection.
2. The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30th of each year in respect of witness protection and security and witness assistance. The report shall include:
- (a) A summary of the written procedures concerning witness protection and security and witness assistance;
 - (b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedures; and
 - (c) On an anonymous basis, the cost of witness protection and assistance.