



Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

The *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)* sets out the responsibilities of employers, supervisors and workers for workplace safety.

Section 3 of O. Reg. 123/98 ("General"), made under the *Police Services Act (PSA)*, requires that all articles of uniform and equipment necessary for the performance of duty shall be provided by the municipality, but, where a uniform or equipment is damaged or lost through the fault of the member of a police force, the member shall bear the cost of replacement.

Section 135 of the *PSA* allows for the making of regulations regarding the use of any equipment by a police force or any of its members. "Regulation 926 ("Equipment and Use of Force)", under the *PSA*, sets out requirements in relation to the use of force, including use of approved weapons, training, reporting and use/technical specifications for handguns.

B Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to secure holsters that the Chief of Police will:

- (a) Ensure the provision of secure holster equipment that is constructed to provide the level of protection that is necessary for the performance of duty including:
 - (i) inhibiting the handgun from being drawn inadvertently;
 - (ii) inhibiting the handgun from being withdrawn by an unauthorized person; and
 - (iii) permitting the rapid unimpeded drawing of the handgun should it be required; and
- (b) Consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of secure holsters.