



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** of the **CSPA**.

O. Reg. 405/23: Police Uniforms and Equipment (O. Reg. 405/23) to the **CSPA** prescribes a definition and use of acoustic hailing devices by police service members.

Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, sets out the responsibilities of employers, supervisors and workers for workplace safety.

B Policy Statement

1. The Board recognizes the importance of workplace and public safety, including safety with respect to long-range acoustic hailing devices, and therefore it is the policy of this Board to require the Chief to set out procedures as directed in this By-law with respect to the provision, use and function of long-range acoustic hailing devices.

C Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to acoustic hailing devices

that the Chief of Police will:

- (a) Develop and maintain written procedures in accordance with **O. Reg. 405/23** that govern the provision, use and function of acoustic hailing devices;
 - (b) Ensure that recorded voice announcements are recorded using good engineering practices and that existing and future recordings are reviewed to ensure messages are clear and do not result in higher than anticipated sound pressure levels;
 - (c) Ensure that members receive the appropriate training in relation to acoustic hailing devices including police service procedures, proper use of the device, and training on product information, warnings and practical application of the device.
2. The Chief of Police will provide information in the annual report with respect to acoustic hailing devices.