

## **Sarnia Police Services Board Policy**

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## A <u>Legislative/Regulatory Requirements</u>

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have policies with respect to counter-terrorism, emergency planning and victims' assistance.

Section 28 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires every Chief of Police to establish procedures that are consistent with any federal or provincial counter-terrorism plan designated by the Minister of Public Safety and Security.

Section 26(1) requires the Chief of Police to prepare an emergency plan for the police service that sets out the procedures to be followed during an emergency.

Furthermore, under section 26(2), the Chief of Police may adopt the municipality's emergency plan as the police service's emergency plan if it addresses the role and duties of the police service during an emergency, and the procedures to be followed by members of the police service during an emergency.

The Provincial Counter-Terrorism Plan provides definitions for terrorism and related acts as contained in federal legislation:

(a) The Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act defines "threats to the security of Canada";

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- (b) The Criminal Code of Canada defines an "internationally protected person";
- (c) The Anti-Terrorism Act provides definitions of "terrorist activity" and "terrorist group" and refers to a number of terrorism-specific criminal offences;

(d) The Security Offences Act addresses police jurisdiction with respect to an offence under any law of Canada that constitutes a threat to the security of Canada and/or in which the victim of the offence is an "internationally protected person".

## B Board Policy

- 1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to terrorism response and notifications that the Chief of Police will:
  - (a) Implement the procedures established in the counter-terrorism plan of the police service;
  - (b) Assign key responsibilities to appropriate members as early as possible;
  - (c) Ensure that, in the implementation of the plan, there is cooperation and communication with other first responders;
  - (d) Ensure that the implementation of the response procedures addresses:
    - (i) Implementing the notification protocol;
    - (ii) Communicating, networking and sharing of information;
    - (iii) Protecting potential targets in the community;
    - (iv) Implementing the Incident Management/Response Plan;
    - (v) Managing voice and data communications;
    - (vi) The role of the media;
    - (vii) The availability of necessary equipment; and
    - (viii) Assistance to crime victims and witnesses.