



# Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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## **A** Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a Police Service Board to have a policy on Ground Search.

Section 27(a) requires the Chief of Police to develop procedures on Ground Search. In addition, Section 27(b) requires the Chief of Police to promote through partnerships with other emergency service providers and volunteer groups the coordination of Ground Search services in the municipality served by the Police Service.

For the purposes of this guideline Ground Search means ground search for lost or missing persons.

## **B** Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the City of Sarnia Police Service Board with respect to ground search for lost or missing persons that the Chief of Police will:
  - (a) Promote, through partnerships with other emergency service providers and volunteer groups, the coordination of ground search services in the jurisdiction served by the police service;
  - (b) Develop procedures on ground search for lost or missing persons; and

- (c) Ensure that Search Coordinators and Team Leaders have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform these functions.