



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. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services.

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; therefore the Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish a policy regarding canine units.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that canine tracking investigative supports form an important part of policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that canine tracking as an investigative support be conducted in a professional and thorough manner and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this By-law.

C Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Service Board that the Chief shall:

- (a) Establish written procedures in accordance with **subsections 5 (1) 2, and 10 (1) 10 of the O. Reg 392/23** and **subsection 7 (1) of Schedule 1** to the said **O. Reg 392/23** that set out the circumstances in which a Canine Unit will be deployed;
 - (b) Develop and maintain a manual on Canine Unit services that is available to each member providing the service;
 - (c) Ensure the manual is reviewed on an annual basis and amended as required;
 - (d) Establish a selection process for members of the unit, ensuring that members who provide the service meet the requirements of **O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General)**;
 - (e) Ensure that all members performing the functions of a Canine Team and/or Unit have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities and receive training on an ongoing basis;
 - (f) Ensure the appropriate equipment, in accordance with the **subsection 7 (1) of Schedule 1** to the said **O. Reg 392/23** and the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to members who provide canine investigative tracking supports.
2. The Chief of Police will provide information in the annual report with respect to the Canine Unit.