



Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 5(1)(d) of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires that Police Services have Canine Tracking investigative supports.

Under section 5(5), these supports may be provided by:

- Using the Police Service's own members;
- Entering into an agreement with the Board of another Police Service or entering into an agreement with the Boards of one or more Police Services to provide those supports on a combined, regional or cooperative basis; or
- Entering into an agreement with one or more persons or organizations other than Police Services to provide the supports by means of a person or organization that is not a Police Service.

Section 14(1)(a) requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes in respect of Canine Tracking as an investigative support. If a Board obtains those supports by entering into an agreement with one or more persons or organizations other than Police Services to provide those supports by means of a person or organization that is not a Police Service, where it is legally permissible, the person providing the investigative support shall, according to Section 14(2)(a) and (b):

- Report directly to, and take direction from, the member of the Police Service to whom the investigative support is being provided; and
- Comply with the procedures and processes of the Police Service in respect of the investigative support.

Furthermore, section 14(4) requires the Chief of Police to ensure that persons who provide investigative supports have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide that support. Finally, Section 29 requires a police services board to establish a policy with respect to general investigative supports.

Definitions:

Throughout this guideline the terms “canine team” and “canine unit” have been used. The following definitions are provided to differentiate between these two terms:

Canine Team – made up of one dog and one handler.

Canine Unit – made up one or more canine teams.

B Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Service Board with respect to the services of a Canine Unit that:
 - (a) This Board will contract with the OPP West Region to provide the services of a Canine Unit, available twenty-four (24) hours per day and within a reasonable response time;
 - (b) The Chief of Police, in consultation with the OPP, will:
 - (i) Establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the Canine Services will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
 - (ii) Ensure members of the Sarnia Police Service train with the OPP Canine Team and/or Unit;
 - (iii) Ensure that members performing the functions of a Canine Team and/or Unit have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the canine functions assigned;
 - (iv) Ensure the ongoing joint training of members who provide the functions of a Canine Team/Unit;

- (v) Establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies.