



# Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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## **A** Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on investigations into fraud and false pretences.

In addition, section 12(1)(g) requires the Chief of Police to develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into fraud and false pretences.

## **B** Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to fraud and false pretences investigations that the Chief of Police will:
  - (a) Develop and maintain procedures that require that investigations be undertaken and managed in accordance with the police service's criminal investigation management plan;
  - (b) Work, where possible, with municipal and provincial social assistance officials and the Crown, to develop a local protocol on the investigation of social assistance fraud;
  - (c) Establish, where possible, cooperative arrangements for the investigation of fraud

and false pretences occurrences with:

- (i) The Employment Insurance Commission;
  - (ii) The Fire Marshal's Office;
  - (iii) The Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations; and
  - (iv) The insurance industry; and
- (d) Ensure that police officers investigating complex fraud and false pretences occurrences have the knowledge, skills and abilities required.