



Sarnia Police Service Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

The *Criminal Code of Canada* and *Ontario Provincial Offences Act* address the use of force by police and other authorized persons.

The **Use of Force and Weapons, Ontario Regulation 391/23** under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, sets out requirements in relation to the use of force, including use of approved weapons, training, and reporting and use/technical specifications for handguns.

Part II Training, Ontario Regulation 87/24 under the *Community Safety and Policing Act* lays out the Ministry prescribed training for police officers.

B Policy Statement

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Service Board with respect to use of force, the Chief of Police will ensure all members use force only when necessary, and then only with the minimum amount of force required to affect a lawful purpose, in accordance with:
 - (a) The *Criminal Code*;
 - (b) The *Community Safety and Policing Act*; and

(c) Ontario Public-Police Interactions training aid.

C Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Service Board that the Chief of Police shall submit a report to the Board if a member of the Service discharges a firearm in the performance of their duties and kills or injures another person.
2. The Board, upon receiving a report on the investigation into an injury or death caused by the discharge of a member's firearm, will review the report and make further inquiries they consider appropriate.
3. If the Chief of Police discharges their firearm in the performance of their duty, the Chief of Police shall promptly report the matter to the Police Service Board and the Board shall cause an investigation to be made into the circumstances.
4. The Chief of Police shall submit an annual report to the Police Service Board, analyzing the data from the reports, regarding use of force by members of the Service and identifying any trends.
5. The Police Service Board shall publish the annual report on the Internet.