



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**.

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

O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services; required by **Section 10** of the **CSPA**.

Sections 37 and **38** of the **CSPA** to require the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into missing persons and to develop procedures on ground searches and promote through partnerships with other emergency providers and volunteer groups the co-ordination of ground searches.

B Policy Statement

1. The Sarnia Police Service Board recognizes that the matter of ground searches for missing persons are serious in nature, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters 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. With respect to ground search for lost or missing persons, 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.