



# 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 offences involving firearms. In addition, section 12(1)(n) requires the Chief of Police to develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into offences involving firearms.

## **B** Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to preventing or responding to occurrences involving firearms that the Chief of Police will:
  - (a) Ensure that the police service's officers are provided with information on all the search and seizure powers available to officers under Part III and Part XV of the Criminal Code that may be relevant to the search and seizure of firearms, ammunition, or related licences, certificates or permits, as well as options for obtaining prohibition orders;
  - (b) Develop and maintain procedures on undertaking and managing investigations into offences/occurrences involving firearms;
  - (c) Develop and maintain procedures on preventing offences/occurrences involving

- firearms; and
- (d) Develop and maintain procedures relating to the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) category of the Canadian Police Information Centre (CIPC).