



Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a Police Service Board to have a policy on the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability. In addition, section 13(1)(g) requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes in respect of the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability.

B Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Service Board with respect to the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability that the Chief of Police will:
 - (a) Work, where possible, with appropriate community members and agencies, health care providers, government agencies, municipal officials, other criminal justice agencies, and the local Crown to address service issues relating to persons who have a mental illness or developmental disability;
 - (b) Establish procedures and processes that address the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability; and

- (c) Ensure that the police service's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with officers, communicators / dispatchers and supervisors on:
 - (i) Local protocols; and
 - (ii) Conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be emotionally disturbed, or may have a mental illness or developmental disability.