



# Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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## **A** **Legislative/Regulatory Requirements**

Section 19(1) of the **Police Services Act** provides that the OPP is responsible for providing police services in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water in Ontario, except those that lie within municipalities designated by the Minister of Public Safety and Security.

Section 15 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires every Chief of Police in a municipality that has been designated under subsection 19(1) of the *Act* to establish procedures and processes for the provision of police services in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water within that municipality.

In addition, section 29 of the Regulation requires the police services board to establish policies with respect to waterways policing.

## **B** **Board Policy**

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to waterways policing that the Chief of Police will:
  - (a) Establish procedures on waterways policing; and
  - (b) Ensure that members involved in waterways policing have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform the specialized functions connected with

waterways policing.