



# Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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## **A Legislative Authority**

Section 18(1) of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police service to have a public order unit.

Section 18(2) allows a police services board to enter into agreements/arrangements that would result in the services of a public order unit being available from another police service, or the services of a public order unit being delivered on a combined, regional or cooperative basis.

Section 18(3) requires every public order unit to consist of a unit supervisor, and, at least, four squads of seven officers, including the squad leader, and must be able to be deployed within a reasonable time.

Section 29 of the regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on public order unit services. In addition, section 19 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures on public order unit services, which:

- set out the circumstances in which a public order unit, or a squad within a unit, may be deployed;
- require that, if the police service maintains its own public order unit, the police service's procedures on public unit services are contained in a manual that is available to all members of the unit; and
- ensure that a person who is a member of a public order unit has the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide that service.

**B**     **Policy**

It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to public order maintenance that:

- (a) This Board will contract with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to provide the services of a public order unit within a reasonable response time; and
- (b) The Chief of Police will establish procedures, in consultation with the OPP that:
  - (i) Set out the circumstances in which a public order unit may be deployed;
  - (ii) Set out the steps for obtaining the services of a public order unit; and
  - (iii) Address the circumstances and processes for liaising with appropriate officials for the purposes of **Sections 63 - 68 of the Criminal Code**, regarding unlawful assemblies and riot situations.