



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Marked and Unmarked Vehicles
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Authority / Legislative References

- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.1*
- Ontario Regulation 405/23 – *Police Uniforms and Equipment*

Policy Statement

The St. Thomas Police Service Board (the “Board”) is committed to ensuring the safety, effectiveness, and appropriate deployment of marked and unmarked police vehicles in support of adequate and effective policing. In fulfilling its governance role, the Board directs the Chief of Police (the “Chief”) to establish and maintain procedures governing the use, specification, maintenance, and inspection of marked and unmarked vehicles.

Policy Application

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to marked and unmarked vehicles that the Chief shall:
 - i. Establish procedures that define the functions and appropriate use of marked and unmarked vehicles;
 - ii. Ensure that marked and unmarked vehicles meet applicable specifications and legislative requirements;
 - iii. Ensure that marked and unmarked vehicles are subject to regular maintenance, inspection, and replacement as required; and
 - iv. Consult, where required, with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of vehicles and related equipment.

Adequacy and Effectiveness Reference

This policy supports the Board's governance obligations under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, Ontario Regulation 405/23, and the Occupational Health and Safety Act with respect to police vehicles, officer safety, and the provision of adequate and effective policing.