



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

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| Subject: | Secure Holsters |
| Policy Number: | AI-014 |
| Effective Date: | April 1, 2024 |
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| Authorized: | Police Services Board |

LEGISLATIVE AND STANDARDS REFERENCE

- *Community Safety and Policing Act*
- *Ontario Regulation 391/23 Use of Force and Weapons*
- *Ontario Regulation 405/23 Police Uniforms and Equipment*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 1*

POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Service Board (the "Board") is committed to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of the St. Thomas Police Service (the "Service") members by mandating the use of secure holster equipment. Acknowledging the critical role that holsters play in protecting both officers and the public, the Board established this policy to guide the provision, acquisition, and maintenance of secure holsters.

POLICY APPLICATION

The Chief of Police shall ensure that:

- a. ensure the provision of secure holster equipment that is constructed to provide the level of protection that is necessary for the performance of duty including:
 - i. Inhibiting the handgun from being drawn inadvertently;
 - ii. Inhibiting the handgun from being withdrawn by an unauthorized person; and
 - iii. Permitting the rapid unimpeded drawing of the handgun should it be required
- b. consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of secure holsters