



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Crime Prevention
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- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*
- *Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*

POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Services Board (the “Board”) is committed to fostering a safe and secure community through proactive crime prevention. To support this commitment, the Board directs the Chief of Police (the “Chief”) to establish comprehensive procedures for crime prevention initiatives that align with the St. Thomas Police Service’s (the “Service”) strategic plan and are regularly evaluated for effectiveness and relevance.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to crime prevention that the Chief shall:
 - a. Establish written procedures on crime prevention initiatives;
 - b. Identify the need, and recommend service delivery options for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety, and community needs in accordance with Ontario Regulation 392/23;
 - c. Ensure that the Service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses, and neighbouring jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives;
 - d. Require appropriate supervisors and front-line members to promote and implement crime prevention initiatives in response to identified crime, community safety, public disorder, and road safety issues, including repeat calls for service and repeat victimization;
 - e. Ensure that supervisors and front-line members are provided with information and resource material on crime prevention;
 - f. Promote the use of directed patrol, targeted enforcement, and other initiatives to respond to high crime or high occurrence locations and serial occurrences.
2. Crime prevention initiatives shall be consistent with:

- a. The strategic plan adopted under section 39 of the Act that applies to the Service; and
 - b. The policing needs of the community.
3. Crime prevention initiatives shall be monitored and regularly evaluated to determine their effectiveness and the ongoing need for them.

Reporting

4. The Chief shall provide information in the annual report on the steps taken by the Service to promote, implement, and evaluate crime prevention initiatives.