



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Preliminary Perimeter Control and Containment
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AUTHORITY/LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

- *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 Service Board (the “Board”) is committed to maintaining public safety through effective perimeter control and containment strategies. The Board directs the Chief of Police (the “Chief”) to develop and implement procedures that define the circumstances for deployment, outline operational responsibilities, and coordinate with other emergency response services.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to preliminary perimeter control and containment that:
 - a. containment will be provided by qualified members of the St. Thomas Police Service’s (the “Service”) containment team and/or by any police service capable of providing the services of a containment team;
 - b. the Chief, in consultation with the assisting police service if applicable, shall establish procedures that address:
 - i. the circumstances in which preliminary perimeter control and containment will be established;
 - ii. operational responsibility for an incident where preliminary perimeter control and containment is being established;
 - iii. the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies;
 - iv. the duties of an officer involved in the establishment of preliminary perimeter control and containment, including compliance with the requirement of section 9(1)(5) of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General), pending the deployment of a tactical unit; and
 - v. the training of officers in preliminary perimeter control and containment;

- c. the Chief shall develop and maintain a manual on containment team services that addresses:
 - i. the selection process for members of the team, including ensuring that members who provide this service meet the requirements of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General);
 - ii. the equipment to be used or available to the members of the team in accordance with Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General); and
 - iii. the ongoing training of members of the team.