



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Major Incident Command
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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 Services Board (the “Board”) is committed to ensuring effective and timely major incident command services. The Chief of Police (the “Chief”) will establish clear procedures for deployment, coordination, and training to maintain operational excellence and ensure the safety and security of the community during major incidents.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the St. Thomas Police Service (the “Service”) has access to major incident command services through its own qualified members and through agreements or other arrangements with one or more police services capable of providing those services on a 24-hour basis within a reasonable response time.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to major incident command services that:
 - a. the Service will provide the services of a major incident commander using its own qualified members where feasible;
 - b. the Board will ensure that the Service has access to major incident command services through agreements or other arrangements with one or more police services capable of providing those services on a 24-hour basis within a reasonable response time;
 - c. the Chief will, in consultation with any assisting police service where applicable, establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which major incident command services will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining those services and the reporting relationships during the incident; and
 - d. the Chief shall ensure that all equipment listed under “incident commanders” in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources of Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General) is available to every incident commander.