



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Explosives
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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)*
- *Ontario Regulation 87/24 – Training*

POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Services Board (the “Board”) is committed to ensuring public safety through the availability of specialized explosive response services. The Chief of Police (the “Chief”) will establish procedures governing the deployment and coordination of explosive response services to ensure safe and effective responses to incidents involving explosives.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the St. Thomas Police Service (the “Service”) has access to specialized services of police forced entry explosive technicians and explosive disposal technicians 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 the services of police forced entry explosive technicians and explosive disposal technicians that:
 - a. the Board will ensure that the Service has access to police forced entry explosive technician 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;
 - b. the Board will ensure that the Service has access to explosive disposal technician 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 explosive response services will be deployed, including the steps for obtaining those services and the reporting relationships

- during an incident;
- d. the Chief will establish procedures addressing responses to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive incidents; and
 - e. the Chief shall ensure that all equipment listed under “explosive disposal units” in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources of Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General) is available to members performing those functions