



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

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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

Public safety, quality of life, crime prevention, and community engagement are central priorities for the St. Thomas Police Services Board (the “Board”). Accordingly, the Board directs that comprehensive community patrol procedures be established to support these objectives and ensure the effective delivery of policing services throughout the community.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the St. Thomas Police Services Board with respect to community patrol that the Chief of Police shall:
 - a. establish procedures and processes governing community patrol, including circumstances in which directed patrol initiatives may be implemented based on factors such as crime trends, calls for service, criminal intelligence, public disorder concerns, and road safety analysis; and
 - b. ensure that agreements or other arrangements are in place with one or more police services capable of providing assistance or support in enhancing the community patrol function in extraordinary circumstances.