



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Arrest
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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”) understands that the arrest of criminal suspects is a vital aspect of both investigative and preventative policing and is essential for the successful prosecution of criminal offences. This policy ensures that matters related to arrests are handled with professionalism and thoroughness in accordance with procedures established by the Chief of Police.

POLICY APPLICATION

It is the policy of the St. Thomas Police Services Board with respect to arrest that the Chief of Police shall:

- a. establish procedures governing arrest that require compliance by members with the legal, constitutional and case law requirements relating to arrest; and
- b. ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to arrest.