



# St. Thomas Police Service

## BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Joint Forces Operations
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Authorized:	Police Services Board

### 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”) recognizes that complex criminal investigations often require collaboration between multiple law enforcement agencies. Joint forces operations provide a structured framework for the coordinated investigation of serious or organized criminal activity through shared resources, intelligence, and investigative expertise.

The Board is committed to ensuring that joint forces operations involving the St. Thomas Police Service are conducted with appropriate governance, accountability, operational clarity, and fiscal oversight.

### POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to joint forces operations that the Chief of Police shall establish procedures governing the initiation, management, and oversight of joint forces operations involving the St. Thomas Police Service.
2. These procedures shall ensure that:
  - a. joint forces operations are approved, coordinated, and monitored in a structured and accountable manner;
  - b. participating police services clearly define operational roles, responsibilities, and reporting structures;
  - c. financial accountability and resource management requirements are clearly established; and
  - d. the operational objectives, performance indicators, and evaluation mechanisms for joint forces operations are documented.

### REPORTING

The Chief of Police shall provide information in the annual report respecting:

- the number of completed joint forces operations in which the St. Thomas Police Service participated;
- the cost to the Service associated with those operations; and
- whether the operations achieved their performance objectives.