



# St. Thomas Police Service

## BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Internal Task Forces
Policy Number:	LE – 010
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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 or emerging crime trends may require a coordinated internal investigative response involving members from multiple units within the Service.

Internal task forces provide a structured mechanism to focus investigative resources, enhance intelligence development, and address specific criminal activity or community safety concerns.

The Board is committed to ensuring that internal task forces are established, managed, and evaluated in a structured and accountable manner.

### POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to internal task forces that the Chief of Police shall establish procedures governing the approval, management, and oversight of internal task forces within the St. Thomas Police Service.
2. These procedures shall ensure that:
  - a. internal task forces are established only where operational circumstances require a coordinated investigative response;
  - b. the objectives, scope, and accountability structure for each internal task force are clearly documented;
  - c. operational resources assigned to internal task forces are managed responsibly; and
  - d. appropriate mechanisms exist to evaluate the performance and outcomes of internal task force operations.

### REPORTING

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

- the number of completed internal task forces established within the Service;
- the cost to the Service associated with those task forces; and
- whether the internal task forces achieved their performance objectives.