



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

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- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*

POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Services Board is committed to ensuring that any reward offered to a member of the public for information supporting the resolution of criminal activity, the apprehension of offenders, or the advancement of community safety objectives is administered in a transparent, fair, and accountable manner.

The Board recognizes that, in limited circumstances, a citizen reward may assist the St. Thomas Police Service in advancing an investigation, recovering property, locating a wanted person, or preventing a serious threat to public safety. Any such reward must be offered and administered with integrity and in accordance with applicable legal and policy requirements.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to citizen rewards that:
 - a. a reward may be offered in appropriate circumstances where information from a member of the public may significantly assist a criminal investigation, the apprehension of an offender, the recovery of property, or the prevention of a serious threat to public safety;
 - b. the Chief of Police shall establish procedures governing the recommendation, approval, administration, payment, confidentiality, and documentation of citizen rewards;
 - c. reward offers and payments shall be made only where consistent with legal requirements, investigative integrity, and sound public accountability; and
 - d. citizen reward decisions shall be made with due regard for fairness, confidentiality, conflict of interest avoidance, and the best interests of community safety.