



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Detainee Care and Control
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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 is committed to ensuring that detainee care and control is conducted in a humane, respectful, and lawful manner that protects the safety and well-being of both detainees and police personnel.

The Board recognizes that individuals in police custody are owed a duty of care. Members responsible for detainees must ensure that detainees are treated with dignity and that appropriate safeguards are in place to address health, safety, and security risks.

POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to detainee care and control that the Chief of Police shall:
 - a. establish procedures and processes for:
 - i. the care and control of detainees, including effective monitoring; and
 - ii. responding to an escape from police custody;
 - b. ensure that members involved in detainee care and control possess the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform these functions safely and lawfully.

REPORTING

2. Following an escape from custody or an in-custody death, the Chief of Police shall review the procedures, processes and practices of the Police Service relating to detainee care and control and report back to the Board.