



# St. Thomas Police Service

## BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Witness Protection
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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 is committed to safeguarding the safety and security of witnesses who play a critical role in the administration of justice.

The Board recognizes that witnesses may face intimidation, threats, or harm as a result of their cooperation with police investigations or court proceedings.

The Board supports the implementation of procedures and investigative supports necessary to ensure that witnesses who face credible threats to their safety receive appropriate protection.

### POLICY APPLICATION

It is the policy of the Board with respect to witness protection and security that the Chief of Police shall:

- a. establish procedures and processes respecting witness protection and security; and
- b. ensure that the Service has a Witness Protection Liaison Officer, or an arrangement with another police service to provide witness protection liaison services