



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

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- *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 public safety and the protection of victims by establishing comprehensive procedures for handling bail and violent crime cases.

The Board recognizes the importance of careful assessment of bail conditions, thorough preparation of show cause reports, timely notification following bail decisions, and effective enforcement of conditions of release.

These measures support the fair administration of justice and help prevent further harm through vigilant oversight and proactive policing.

POLICY APPLICATION

It is the policy of the Board with respect to bail and violent crime that the Chief of Police shall establish procedures addressing:

- a. assessing when bail should be opposed on the secondary ground;
- b. preparing the show cause report (bail hearing brief);
- c. providing post-bail hearing notifications; and
- d. responding to and enforcing breaches of bail conditions.