



St. Thomas Police Service

BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Vehicle Pursuits
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AUTHORITY/LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*
- *Ontario Regulation 397/23 – Vehicle Pursuits*

POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Services Board is committed to prioritizing public safety and the safety of police members in all aspects of policing, including vehicle pursuits.

The Board recognizes that vehicle pursuits involve significant risk to the public, suspects and police members. Through appropriate policies and procedures, members will be equipped to make informed decisions regarding whether to initiate, continue or discontinue a pursuit, ensuring that public safety remains the paramount consideration.

The Board further requires that vehicle pursuit practices comply with the Community Safety and Policing Act and Ontario Regulation 397/23 – Vehicle Pursuits.

POLICY APPLICATION

It is the policy of the Board with respect to vehicle pursuits that the Chief of Police shall:

- a. establish procedures that identify tactics that may be used as alternatives to a vehicle pursuit;
- b. establish procedures governing tactics that may be used to pursue or stop a fleeing motor vehicle; and
- c. establish procedures governing the management and control of vehicle pursuits.