



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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PO-001SPSB Public Order Units

Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 392/93 - Adequate and Effective Policing* it is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to public order maintenance that:

- a) Public Order support services is available through the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Framework Agreement;
- b) A public order unit must be able to be deployed in a reasonable time, having regard to:
 - I. The policing needs of the community;
 - II. The geographic and socio-demographic characteristics of the Police Service's area of policing responsibility;
 - III. The total population and population density of the Police Service's area of policing responsibility;
 - IV. The presence of critical infrastructure in the location where the public order unit is to be deployed;
 - V. Information about public order incidents in the Police Service's area of policing responsibility within at least the previous three years, including information about the scope and severity of the incidents; and
 - VI. Best practices in relation to response times for public order units.
- c) The Chief of Police will establish and maintain written procedures, in consultation with agencies of the *Shared Services and Resources Agreement* and/or the OPP which is providing the services of the public order unit, that are consistent with section 8 of *Ontario Regulation 392/93 - Adequate and Effective Policing*, and;
 - I. Set out the circumstances in which a public order unit may be deployed;
 - II. Set out the steps for obtaining the services of the order unit;

- III. Establish procedures for command and control of the response; and
- IV. Address the circumstances and processes for liaising with appropriate officials for the purposes of Sections 63 - 68 of the *Criminal Code*, regarding unlawful assemblies and riot situations.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date