



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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LE-013SPSB Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability

Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* it is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Work, where possible, with appropriate community members and agencies, health care providers, government agencies, municipal officials, other criminal justice agencies, and the local Crown to address service issues relating to persons who have a mental illness or developmental disability;
- b) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes that address the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability, that may include, but not limited to:
 - I. Alzheimer's type dementia and related dementias;
 - II. Responding to call for service under MHA;
 - III. Mental Health Engagement and Response Team;
 - IV. Restraint use and excited delirium;
 - V. Community treatment orders; and
 - VI. Transfer of care.
- c) Ensure that the police service's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with officers, communicators, and supervisors on:

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- I. Local protocols;
- II. Use of Vulnerable Persons Registry, if applicable; and
- III. Conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be emotionally disturbed or may have a mental illness or developmental disability.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date