



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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Until otherwise directed, the Stratford Police Service has not been "designated" by the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General to provide police services in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water in Ontario.

Until otherwise directed, the OPP is responsible for providing police services in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water in Ontario, except those that lie within municipalities designated by the Solicitor General.

It is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to waterways safety that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Establish and maintain written procedures to provide direction to members who may engage in routine activities or emergency response - in, on or near bodies of water;
- b) Set the expectations regarding police activities near bodies of water including routine work and the role of first responders in emergency situations;
- c) Ensure that members have the competence and experience required to perform their duties when working near a body of water; and
- d) Ensure members have sufficient personal safety equipment made available in vehicles.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date