



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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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 search of persons that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Establish and maintain written procedures that address:
 - I. The compliance by members of the Police Service with the legal, constitutional, and case law requirements relating to when and how searches of persons are to be undertaken;
 - II. The circumstances in which an officer may undertake a search of person;
 - III. Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
 - IV. Frisk/field searches;
 - V. Strip/complete searches;
 - VI. Body cavity searches;
 - VII. Strip searches of Transgender or Inter-sexed persons;
 - VIII. Consent searches;
 - IX. Cultural considerations in searches of persons;
 - X. The supervision – Officer-in-Charge – responsibilities of searches of persons; and
 - XI. The documentation of searches of persons.
- b) Ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to the search of persons; and

c) Annual Reporting – The Chief of Police shall obtain strip search data and report to the Board on the following information:

- I. Number of strip searches conducted each year;
- II. Race, if known, of the arrestees;
- III. Gender, if known, of the arrestees;
- IV. Age of arrestees;
- V. Number of times force was used;
- VI. Number of times items were found during strip search, and
- VII. Analysis of trends and concerns, if any.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

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Date