



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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LE-028SPSB Criminal Harassment

It is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into criminal harassment that the Chief of Police will develop and maintain written procedures that address:

- a) The procedures for investigating criminal harassment complaints in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures and the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* and its *Regulations*;
- b) The use of enhanced investigative techniques, such as behavioural science services as part of the investigation, which may include:
 - I. Physical/Electronic surveillance;
 - II. Wire taps, body packs, probes, or other electronic technical support;
 - III. Witness relocation; and
 - IV. Undercover operators.
- c) The following standards for adequate and effective policing respecting assistance to victims of crime are prescribed:
 - I. Victims of crime shall be offered assistance, as soon as possible; and
 - II. Victims of crime shall be provided with referrals to, as appropriate in the circumstances, emergency services, health care professionals, victim support agencies, social service agencies and other appropriate governmental, non-governmental or community organizations.
- d) The information to be provided to police officers on criminal harassment; and

- e) Compliance with *Ontario Regulation 394/23 - Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements* for criminal harassment cases that fall within the definition of major case.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date