



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

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LE-008SPSB Hate Propaganda

It is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to undertaking and managing investigations into hate propaganda that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Ensure that community organizations, school boards, victim's organizations, social services agencies, and the media are informed about the Police Service's procedures for investigating hate propaganda occurrences;
- b) Ensure that the police service works, where possible, with community organizations, school boards, victims' organizations, and social service agencies to respond to hate propaganda occurrences and to counter the activities of organized hate groups in the community;
- c) Develop and maintain written procedures that require investigations into hate propaganda be undertaken and managed in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures;
- d) Ensure that the investigators have received the prescribed training as outlined in section 34 of *Ontario Regulation 87/24 - Training* or have the competence and experience to conduct the investigation;
- e) If the Police Service has a team primarily responsible for conducting investigations into hate propaganda crimes at least one member of the team must have successfully completed any training prescribed by the Minister, section 15 of *Ontario Regulation 395/23 – Investigations*; and
- f) If the Police Service has a dedicated unit to investigate hate/bias motivated crime, assign that unit the responsibility to investigate hate propaganda occurrences.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date