



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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LE-021SPSB Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse

It is the policy of the Stratford Police Service Board with respect to elder and vulnerable adult abuse that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Where possible, work in partnership with the local Crown, municipalities, community and social service agencies/providers, businesses, seniors', and other local organizations to develop programs for preventing and responding to complaints of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, including fraud awareness and prevention; and
- b) Develop and maintain written procedures that require that investigations into elder or vulnerable adult abuse be undertaken and managed in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures;
- c) 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;
- d) If the Police Service has a team primarily responsible for conducting investigations into elder abuse, the Chief of Police shall ensure that at least one member of the team has completed any training prescribed by the Minister, section 15 of *Ontario Regulation 395/23 – Investigations*;
- e) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes where investigations take place in Long-term Care Homes or Retirement Homes;
- f) If available, establish and maintain written procedures and processes regarding the Medic Alert Connect Program; and
- g) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes regarding Vulnerable Person Registry, if available to this Police Service.

"Steve Cousins"

Chair

Approved January 15, 2025

Date